

# Maha Bodhi Society

## Bengaluru

# ANNUAL REPORT 2017-2018



**Sabbe Sattā  
Bhavantu Sukhitattā**

**May All Beings Be Happy**



Namo tassa Bhagavato Arahato Sammasambuddhassa

## MAHA BODHI SOCIETY

BENGALURU

Annual Report

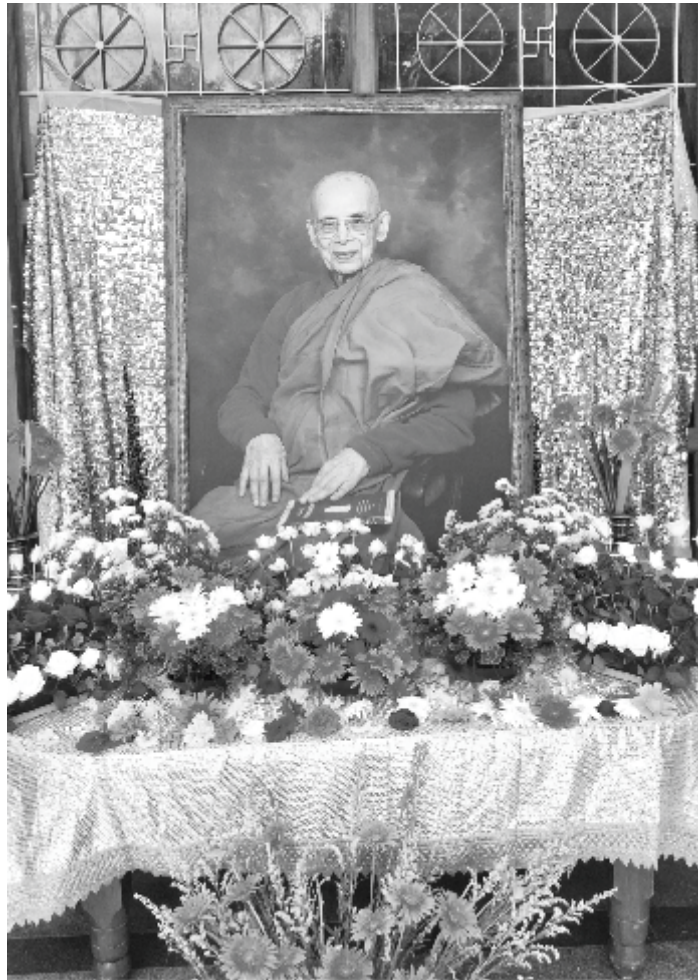
1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018

Maha Bodhi Society, Bengaluru, was founded in 1956 by the Venerable Acharya Buddharakkhita. The aim of the Maha Bodhi Society is to put into practice and teach the most sacred teachings of the Buddha through spiritual, educational, medical and other humanitarian services. Venerable Acharya passed away on September 23, 2013. Though the Venerable Acharya is no more physically with us, however, his great ideals and legacy of Dhamma will continue to inspire and guide us to propagate the noble teachings of Lord Buddha. The Maha Bodhi Society has been growing with humanitarian services year by year.

The following is the report of the activities of the Maha Bodhi Society (MBS) during the year 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018.



*Buddha statue inside the Loka Shanti Buddha Vihara decorated with flower.*



*Late Most Venerable Dr Acharya Buddharakkhita,  
Founder President, MBS and its sister organization.*



*Ven Kassapa Maha Thera president of MBS with the statue of late Ven Acharya Buddharakkhita*



## MAHABODHI BANGALORE ACTIVITIES

### MAHABODHI MONASTIC INSTITUTE

Mahabodhi Monastic Institute (MMI) is an important pioneering venture of MBS and the main focus has been on training monks. It is the only training centre in entire India, where they learn Buddha's teaching through theory and practice. The MMI was started in the year 2001 by Most Respected Bada Bhanteji, Venerable Dr. Acharya Buddharakkhita with the aim of providing all holistic facilities for self-realization through a monastic living and for reviving the Dhamma in its birth place India. Practical part of the Dhamma is one of the most important part of the training program.



*MMI monks in their morning Dhamma class.*

MMI successfully completed its session 2017-18. During the year there were 104 students and 22 teachers. The lists of students are as follows.

STATES	NUMBER OF STUDENTS
Karnataka	4
Ladakh	2
Orissa	2
Maharashtra	2
Tripura	37
Arunachal Pradesh	50
Mizoram	10
West Bengal	1
Assamese	7
Burmese	6
Uttar Pradesh	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>126</b>

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Following are the subjects taught in MMI:

1. Pali, language of Buddhist literature
2. Vinaya, Disciplinary rule and regulation
3. Sutta: Philosophy
4. Abhidhamma: Deeper study of the Dhamma
5. English
6. Hindi
7. Kannada
8. General Knowledge
9. Computer
10. Basic Science&Mathematics
11. Social science & Indian Culture

The daily schedule constituted intensive study, work and practice programs as it can be seen from the below time table. Apart from other activities there were four periods in the morning session and three periods in the afternoon session. There were all together 22 teachers during this Academic year; 16 monk teachers, 5 lay teachers and one nun. We had visiting teachers from Myanmar. Four monks from Myanmar who are expert in Pali, Buddhist ethics and psychology have taught in the institute and enlighten our monks. Venerable Sayalay Yasanandi from Mahabodhi Gotami Vihara imparted Dhamma knowledge with our students as a guest teacher. Four teachers taught General subjects like languages, computers social science and Indian history and culture. Many volunteers too gave their service and we are very grateful about it.



*Bhikkhu Sangha, Senior monks with Ven Kassapa Maha Thera, President MBS*



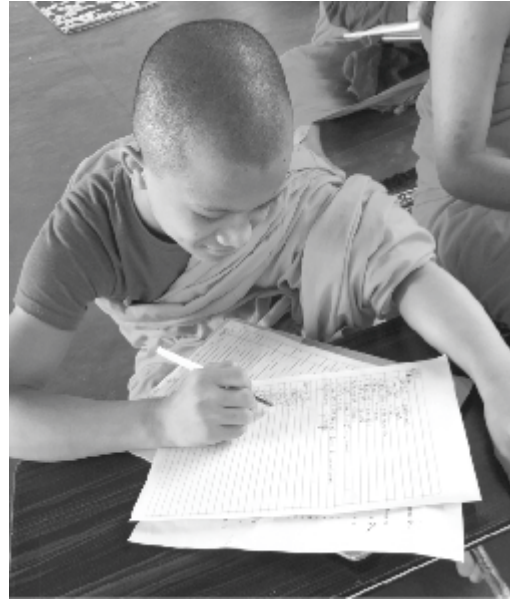
## Brief report on Annual activities happened for the year 2017-18

### Visiting Monks:

Apart from regular teachers there were guest monks from Mahabodhi branches and from abroad like; Thailand, Burma and Srilanka who took classes for the monks and shared their Dhamma knowledge.

### Examination and Results:

Examinations have been conducted at a regular interval, monthly half-yearly and annually. All the Students have passed their examination successfully with good percentage. Comparing with the previous academic results the performance of the students in this academic year is immensely improved.



*A novice monk writing his first exam.*



*MMI monks in the evening puja.*

### Regular chanting and meditation:

Daily chanting and meditation in the morning and evening is an important program of MMI monks. It is compulsory to attend the prayer and mediation session as this is an integral part of monk's duty and practice. It is as important as attending classes in the school.

### Meditation Program:

Mediation is the heart of a monk's life. Learning without practice becomes intellectual whereas learning par with meditation helps to grow wisdom. Each class was sent to our Dhammaduta Center for a week for meditation practice and pindapata. Ven Kasspa Maha Thera ran the meditation program for monks and trained them. In order to encourage young monks above 18 years and train in intensive meditation, 35 MMI monks have participated in 10 days Vipassana Meditation at the Mahabodhi Dhammaduta Vihara. Vipassana teacher Venerable Dhammika from Srilanka conducted the monk's course. Every participant expressed positive response after the course. An intensive meditation course for all the monks was conducted in the month of November by Venerable Visuddhananda Bhante from Srilanka. Every day the monks went to villages to collect alms, which is very important part of monks practice. We are grateful to all the meditation teachers who took great pain in training all the monk students. Many monks are deeply encouraged to meditate.



*MMI monks walking meditation*

**Tiptaka chanting:**

5 monks from MMI participated in the 2 months long Tiptaka chanting that was organized at various places from September to December by the International Tiptaka council. Another 10 monks with Ven Ananda participated the final chanting program under the holy Bodhi tree at Bodhgaya from 2nd to 12th December.. They recited the Buddha vachana under sacred Bodhi tree and led the chanting on behalf of Indian Sangha.



*Monks chanting under the Bodhi Tree.*



**Dhammaduta program and pabbajja ordination:**

As part of training during summer holidays from April – May, senior student monks were sent to different Maha Bodhi centres to teach Dhamma in their villages and they conducted short 5 days, 8 days meditation course for villages. They inspired the villagers and even their parents with Dhamma teachings. Some of them conducted temporary pabbajja programs in Mysore, Namsai and Tripura.



*Ven Ananda giving Dhamma talk in K R Puram*

**Hospital Dana service:**

The life of service which was set by Bada Bhanteji, our beloved teacher is followed with same amount of dedication and compassion. On full moon day Purnima, monks visited Hospitals to distributed fruits to patients. They also spoke to them and taught them the words of Buddha. This program continued throughout the year.



*Hospital Dana by MMI Monks*

**Intensive English Course:**

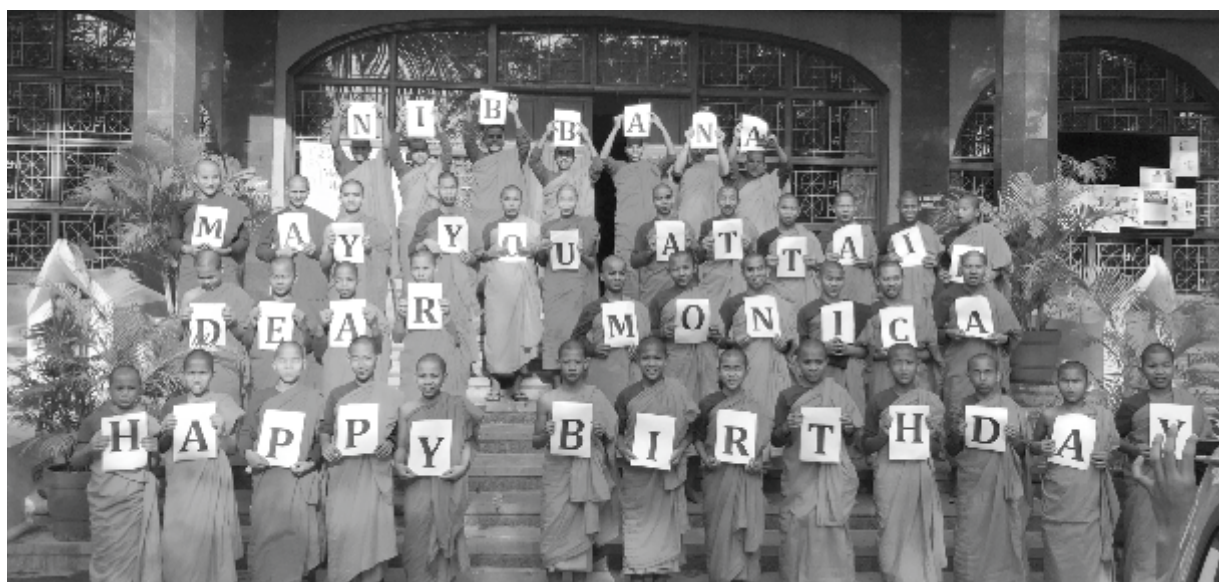
An Intensive 14 days English and art paper craft camp was conducted to all the monks by Ms Judith La Scola from Seattle, USA. This is her second visit to MMI to teach them English language.



*A Painting by Novice MMI monk*

**Art and Craft projects:**

Skillful in arts and handicrafts is indeed a blessing. MMI has not lacked behind in this department. Monks are time to time given exposure to develop their creative skills. Various guest visitors conducted special classes on art. Our monks learnt how to make paintings on paper and canvas, paper crafts, making greetings and flowers etc. In the festival season they make beautiful painting and greetings.



*MMI monks wish to Mother Monica Thaddey on her birthday.*



**Acharya Puja:**

Respecting the Dhamma teacher is an important culture in MMI. Keeping in line the ancient tradition, Achayira Puja was arranged by the students to honor the teachers. The MMI students worshipped their teachers with prayers and offering for their good health and long life. Representatives from each class expressed their gratitude towards the teachers.

**Summer camps:**

There was a month long summer camp as a holiday program. Mental exercises like, Dhamma quiz, debates etc. Creative competition like, drawing clay modeling etc. and Indoor games were organized. The students participated actively in the program and were awarded with prizes.



*Beautiful paper lotus decoration by MMI monks*

**Educational Tour:**

During the end of whole year of study, a trip was organized for the monks to Mysore and Hyderabad in two batches as part of their study tour program. They visited many historical sites and learnt many new experiences.

**COURSES:**

The courses offered were PSLC: Pali School Leaving Certificate at Nalanda Pali Vijjayatana – Primary and secondary school education from class one to class tenth. Pariyatti Pathama: Diploma course in Pali and Buddhist Studies along with teaching techniques for duration of one year. Pariyatti Majjhima and Pariyatti Uttama: Degree course in Buddhist studies consist of duration of two years equivalent to Bachelor degree.

**EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:**

Gardening, decorations, management of water, cleaning, drawing, arts, robe making, creative writing, debates, indoor sports, quiz programs; painting etc formed the extracurricular activities. They are also trained in getting vegetables, flowers and fruits from the market for daily use and for hospital Dāna services.



*Ven Kassapa adding final touch to the flower decoration.*

#### **FOOD:**

The monks were provided with wholesome, simple vegetarian food. Keeping in view the food habits of different parts of India, south Indian, north Indian and North-east Indian food items are prepared. As the Buddha taught, food is to maintain good health so that one's spiritual pursuit is not disturbed. Many times there were donations by lay people who normally gave money to offer lunch or breakfast.

#### **HEALTH CARE:**

Regular medical checkup and health care were maintained. Whenever they fell sick, monks were taken to Mahabodhi Mallige Hospital for diagnosis and specialized treatment. During the year there were no major health problems.



*Ven Kassapa demonstrating a food items to novice monks.*

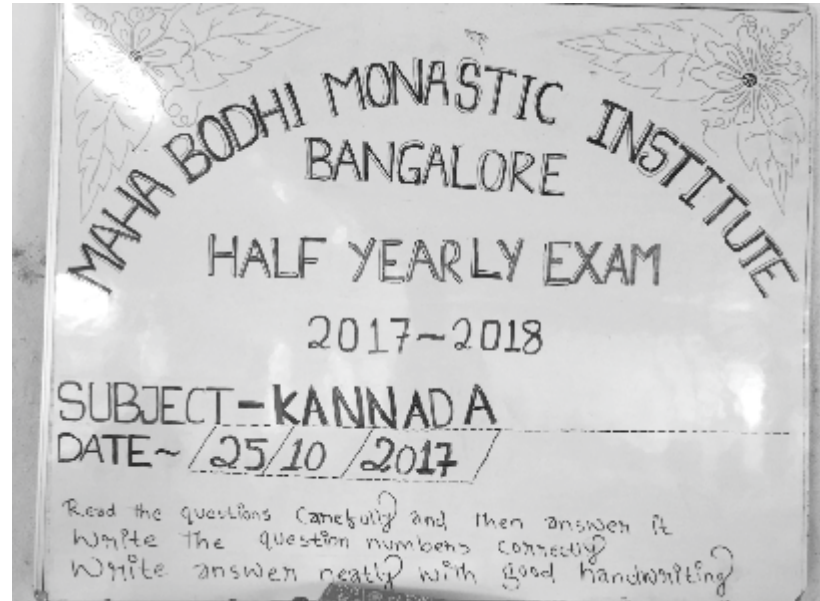


**WARDENS:**

There are five dormitories for the monks named as Lokanatho, Gotamo, Sambuddho, Sugato and Buddho dormitories. Senior students are accommodated in one single dormitory for serious study. There are five warden monks with one assistant each to take care and discipline of the monks. There is also a chief Superintendent. In each dormitory normally there are 25 monks. They are also provided with a shelf to keep their robes, books, etc.



*MMI monks presenting painting to their teacher.*



*Sign board on Half Yearly Exam 2017-2018*

**EXPENSES:**

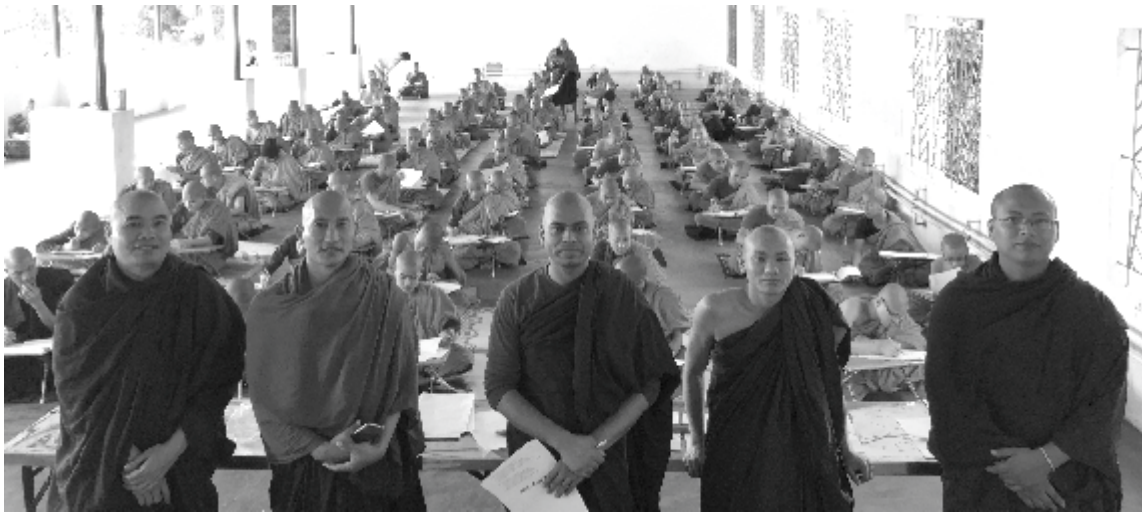
The average expense per month per monk is Rs. 3500/- for food and essential facilities. Education, Clothing, medicine, books and stationery expenses are extra. The contribution is made from the Venerable Acharya Buddharakkhita Foundation to provide Monastic Requisites and the rents from the Sevashetra building are the main source of income. Lay people also offer Dāna in cash and on some days they offer food. It was the wish of Bada Bhanteji that everyday there should be offering by lay people which is considered as ideal situation for a monastery.

**TIME TABLE:** A suitable time table has been formulated for the integrated development of the monks. The time table as follows.

Sign board on Half Yearly Exam 2017-2018

Timing Activities

05:00 am	Wake up and getting refreshed
05:30 am to 06:30 am	Puja, Meditation
06: 45 am to 07: 30 am	Breakfast
07:30 am to 08:00 am	Dhammapada Class
08:00 am to 08:45 am	Cleaning, Decorating and study
8:45 am	Morning Assembly
09: 00 am to 11:00 am	Morning Classes
11: 15 am to 12: 00 am	Lunch
12:30 am to 01:45 pm	Rest
02: 00 pm to 04: 15 pm	Afternoon Classes
04:15 pm to 05: 45 pm	Tea, Cleaning, Games and Bathing.
06: 00 pm to 07: 00 pm	Evening Puja and Meditation
07:00 pm to 07: 30 pm	Gilanapaccaya Juice
07: 30 pm to 09: 00 pm	Studies
09: 00 pm to 09: 30 pm	Metta Chanting and Instructions by Wardens
09:30 pm	Rest



*MMI monks writing their exam and Monk Teachers.*

Saturday afternoon it is cleaning time in the monastery and dormitories and monks shave and wash clothes. Sunday afternoon is free time.

**TEACHING STAFF:** During this academic session, 16 monks and 1 nun and 5 lay people were teaching the monks.

**TEXT BOOKS:** The following text books were used for different classes

1. Pali Patha-1,2,3,4
2. Comprehensive Pali Course-1 & 2



3. History of Pali Language and Literature
4. Buddha and His Dhamma
5. Buddha Vamsa
6. Life of the Buddha
7. Vinaya Pitaka
8. Buddhist Monastic Discipline
9. Manual of Buddhist Devotional Chanting
10. Suttas (Selected Suttas from Pitaka)
11. Sutta Sangaho Vol 1, 2 & 3
12. Dhammapada Stories
13. Jataka Stories.
14. Abhidhamma in daily life.
15. Fundamentals of Abhidhamma
16. Comprehensive Manuals of Abhidhamma
17. English Language
18. Hindi Language
19. Kannada Language

**ORAL TRADITION TRAINING PROGRAM:** In keeping with the oral tradition of training and preserving the Buddha Dhamma the monks are trained in memorization of the Suttas, Vinaya rules and Dhammapada Gathas. They recited entire Dhammapada on the occasion of Bada Bhanteji's Birthday.

**MORNING ASSEMBLY:** Every day in the morning from 6.30 to 07:30 AM all the monks assemble for discussing daily issues and work and studies. It is also time to train monks to give Dhamma talk to a gathering. This program is in keeping with the Buddha's advice to get together often and discuss issues concerning monastic life and Sangha matters.



*MMI morning assembly*

**ADMISSION OF THE NEW STUDENTS:** During the current year 46 new students were admitted to the institute and few left to their native places.



### **Venerable Acharya Buddharakkhita Foundation to Provide Monastic Requisites**

The monks need four basic requisites, namely food, robes, vihara and medicine. To provide these requisites to the monks of Mahabodhi Monastic Institute, Venerable Acharya Buddharakkhita created this foundation on the occasion of 2550th Buddha Jayanti in 2006, which is a registered trust. A corpus is developed and the interest accrued on this corpus is donated to the Maha Bodhi Society for maintaining the monks. To make the monastery fully self-reliant the corpus needs to be increased to Rs.2.5 crores. At present the corpus stands at 108 lakhs. We appeal one and all to contribute generously to this fund so that the monastic requisites for the monks can be procured without any difficulty and monks can practice spiritual life with ease.

### **Mahabodhi Research Center**

We are happy that Mahabodhi Research Center got affiliation under Karnataka Sanskrit University. We got the affiliation and approval to start a one year diploma and 6 month certificate course in Buddhism, which will be started from July 2018.



*Discussion in progress at Mahabodhi Research Center*



*Annual exams for MMI monks*



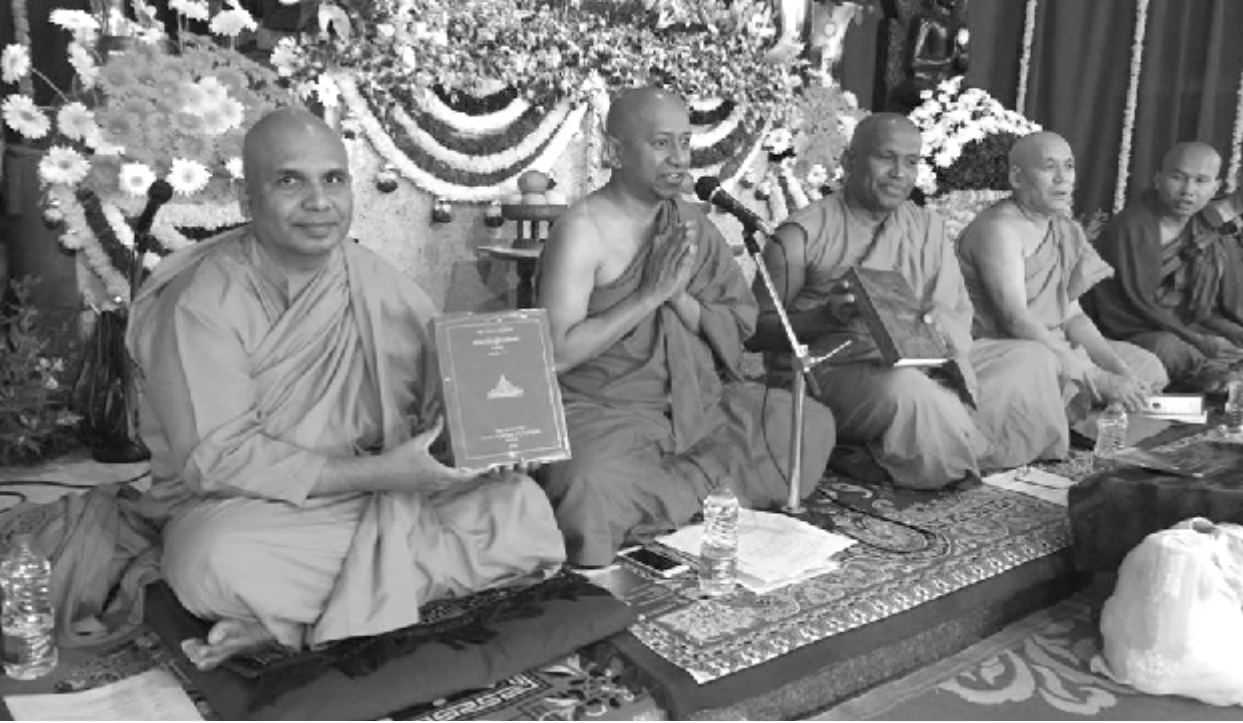
### Classes on Pali and Abhidhamma

Venerable Acharya Buddharakkhita has started classes on Pali and Abhidhamma which are continued by his disciples. Every week classes for Pali, Abhidhamma and Sutta were conducted by the monks of Maha Bodhi Society and also by the guest teacher monks from Myanmar, Sri Lanka and Thailand. At Present there are 2 monks teacher, One Sayale Nuns and One lady teacher from Myanmar.

### Tipitaka Translation

#### Kannada Tipitaka Project:

A separate section has been established in the university building as translation department. The translation work of the Tipitaka books into Kannada language is going on. It is the wish of the founder and one of the main objectives of the Maha Bodhi Society to translate the Tipitaka into major Indian and foreign languages. The work is going on in full swing and new books are coming out.



*Ven Vinayarakkhita releasing a volume of Tipitaka in Kannada.*

During the year the following books were published:

#### Kannada Tipitaka

1. Anghuttara Nikaya Volume Panchaka Nipata ( Kannada Tipitaka ) by *Muniyal Ganesh Shenoy*
2. Anghuttara Nikaya Volume Chatukka Nipata ( Kannada Tipitaka ) by *Arun Kumar Habbu*
3. Samyutta Nikaya-Sayalayata Vagga Vol.4 ( Kannada Tipitaka ) by *Aneesh Bodh*
4. Samyuttinikaya Nidhana Samyutta. Vol.2 ( Kannada Tipitaka ) by *Prof. Mohan Habbu*
5. Anghutara Nikaya Vol 6 ( Kannada Tipitaka ) by *Molakalmuru Sreenivasamurthy*
6. Samyutta Nikaya Vol-3 Khandhavagga ( Kannada Tipitaka ) by *Ramachandra S Habbu*



7. Anguttara Nikaya (Sattakanipata Pali) Vol 7 ( Kannada Tipitaka ) by *Molakalmuru Sreenivasamurthy*
8. Anguttara Nikaya Vol.1-2 (Kannada Tipitaka) by *S. Narasimhaiah*

### **Telugu Tipitaka Project**

Simultaneously the translated in Telegu is going on. We are very grateful to the Government of Andhra Pradesh, Shri C.Anjaneya Reddy (Retd.DGP of Andhra Pradesh) and the translators.

During the year the following book were published

1. Jataka Kathalu – II - by *Shri Borra Govardhan* and edited by *Venerable Dhammarakkhita*
2. "Digha Nikaya Vol II" translated by *Bhikkhu Dhammarakkhita*

### **Social Activities**

As per Lord Buddha's method there should be harmonious relationship between monastic and lay people. Therefore he taught that the lay people should take care of the material needs like food, clothing, medicine and dwelling of monks, the monks in turn help the lay people with Dhamma teaching giving them proper guidance for right living. To create this occasion lay people come to vihara or invite monks to their homes for different ceremonies.

During the year several Sanghadana were organized at the Vihara, where the lay people came and offered lunch to the monks and at the end of the lunch got benediction from the monks along with dhamma discourse. Sometimes monks were invited to their homes where normally three monks attended and sometimes more than three. Normally monks are invited for reciting paritta chantings on the occasion of the inauguration of the new house, birthdays, anniversaries, death ceremonies, etc. The Mahabodhi monks have conducted these programs very effectively to the satisfaction of the devotees. Therefore there is a very harmonious relationship between lay people and monks at Mahabodhi.

### **Mahabodhi Book Center**

Maha Bodhi Society, Bengaluru, has been publishing books on Buddhism, mainly written by Ven. Acharya Buddharakkhita since inception. Apart from our own publications we have been receiving many books from Taiwan, Sri Lanka and other places. A new showroom has been opened 2 year back called BUDDHIST SHOP beside the main gate of Mahabodhi. A well decorated and furnished shop now displays and distributes free books as well as books for sale along with other objects like Buddha statues, flags and prayer materials etc.

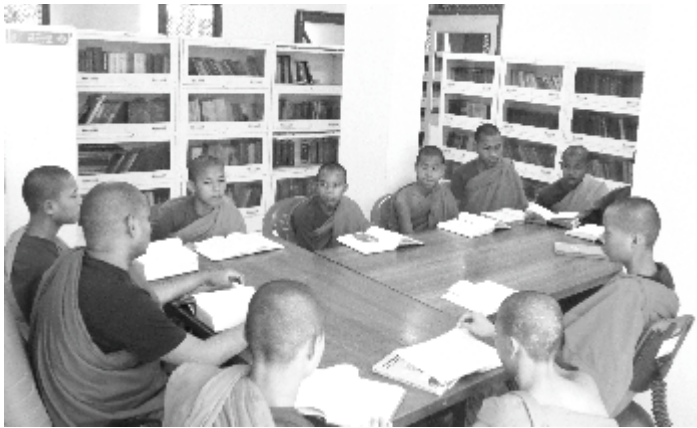


### **DHAMMADANA - Sunday Dhamma Discourses:**

Bada bhanteji started Dhammadana program, giving gift of Dhamma without any expectation in return way back in 1956-57. Since then without any break every Sunday Dhamma discourse is given. During the year too without break every Sunday monks gave Dhamma discourses. The Sunday program starts with chanting of the Buddha Vandana and Suttas followed by administering Tisarana and Pancasila. Then one monks guides through meditation for 30 minutes and another monk gives a discourse, normally based on some Sutta needed for the daily life of the people. About 100-150 people attended the program every Sunday. It can be said that it is one of the longest Dhamma programs going on regularly in whole of India.

### **Daily Program**

Everyday puja and meditation were conducted regularly. Morning it is from 05:30 to 06:30 AM and evening it is from 06:00 to 07:30 PM. On full moon days there was special puja at 10 AM. Blessing ceremonies and merit sharing ceremonies were conducted whenever devotees requested. Everyday new people visit the society and a monk or devotee normally guides them explaining the activities, teaching meditation or counseling.



*Monks studying in the library*

### **Library**

It houses good collection of books on Buddhism, other religions and also on non-religious subjects. The Sacred Pali Tipitaka in several scripts and translations are the most valuable treasure of the Library. Measures are being taken for the preservation of the books, particularly the old ones. Many books have been added during the year. A modern book reading and information system have been upgrade with barcode facility.

### **Monks' Dhammaduta Programs**

Ven.Kassapa Mahathera travelled extensively in the North East, North India in Ladakh, Tripura, Bodhgaya, many rural districts and villages in Karnataka teaching the Dhamma.

Ven. Ananda's USA tour for 3 months from 27th April to 29th July was a very long, hard but very meaningful Dhamma tour. This was the first tour to USA. Many interested devotees have been requesting Venerable from Mahabodhi to visit the USA to teach Dhamma. More than 100 of Dhamma talks, meditation classes, and the seminars were conducted by Venerable Ananda in the entire USA. He visited Los Angeles, Fresno, Seattle, Portland, San Fransico, Breakly, Washington DC, West Virginia, Maryland, New York, Boston, Chicago, Denver, Detroit and Colorado. Thousand of interested people participated in the Dhamma talks. They came from all background. The participants expressed deep thanks to Venerable for his Dhamma talks and invited him in future. General Manager Mr.Vajira Dorjey accompanied Ven.Ananda as Kappiya and organized the tour very efficiently.



From the USA, Ven Ananda travelled to Switzerland. He conducted class there for old students. He met the members of Mahabodhi Metta Foundation. Ven Buddadatta travelled to Odisha to give Dhamma Talks. Ven. Panyarakkhita travelled to Myanmar for One month course. Likewise, Venerable Dhammaloka also visited Myanmar. Venerable Sugatananda travelled to Thailand on intensive course for 3 months. Venerable Dhammaloka travelled to Mysuru and other districts of Karnataka to promote and inaugurate Buddhist Vihara. Ven. Sangharakkhita travelled Arunachal Pradesh. Ven Panyaloka conducted courses in North East India.

Like the previous year, this year too 10 monks and 2 Kappiya visited Buddhist holy places in December. They have participated in the International Tripitaka Chanting in Bodhgaya organized by the International Tipitaka Council. Our monks attended in memory of Bada Bhanteji, Most Venerable Acharya Buddharakkhita as Punyanumodana, merit sharing. We are thankful to Mrs. Wangmo Dixey and Upasika Monica Thaddey for their generous support. Monks did puja and meditations at every holy place. Below are few photos of Ven Ananda Teaching Meditation to the various groups in the USA.



*At Tibetan Drikapa Temple in Washington DC.*



*To Zen meditation group in Fresno*



*Giving Dhamma to members of Ambedkar Association of North America ANNA.*



*Preaching at a Community Church in Fresno.*

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*Giving Dhamma at Cambridge Zen Center in Boston.*



*Meeting Ven Bhikkhu Bodhi in New York.*



*Giving presentation to students in Everret Community College, Seattle.*



In this way, systematic Dhammaduta programs are going on. This was one of the wishes of Bada Bhante, i.e. to give the dhamma freely to as many people as possible and thereby remove suffering in their hearts and give solace.

### **Pabbajja Programs**

Pabbajja meditation programs were conducted for character building education and for meditation. Temporary ordination is important part of Buddhist spiritual practice to develop on the path of enlightenment. The temporary ordination programs go on throughout the year and many men and women, both from India and abroad participated in these programs. Pabbajja program for children were also organize to install the moral values and simplicity in life at very early age.

### **Donations**

People have offered donations to run the activities of the Maha Bodhi Society and its sister organizations. Special mention should be made of Ms.Monica Thaddey from Switzerland who has offered magnanimous donations to build new structures. We are very grateful to her and others for the same. May the blessings of the Buddha, Dhamma and Sangha surround their lives and that of their families with well-being and wisdom! May they all be happy and well! All the donations were duly acknowledged with official receipts.

### **Mahabodhi Karuna Medical Center**

Mahabodhi Karuna Medical Center is running some important and effective services. the ground floor is used for free camp and various divisions are made in collaboration with Arogyaseva, an NGO offering free medical health care and bring various awareness program related health and environment. We are also happy to inform that some serious research is in process. High tech 3D printing machine are bought to build artificial hands and the work is in progress. The first floor was given to the Cancer society of India in the month of October 2016. Indian Cancer Society (ICS) is a not-for-profit Community based Health Society dedicated to eliminating Cancer as a major health challenge. It operates through a community of volunteers and, has been fighting cancer across Karnataka. The center also has a small meditation room and puja room to promote peace of mind and the message of Lord Buddha.

### **Hospital Dana Service**

The hospital Dāna service was started by Bada Bhanteji way back in 1956-57 when he saw the suffering of people in Victoria Hospital. During this year too hospital Dāna service was conducted on several full moon days and other days whenever donors offered Dāna. We go normally to Mahabodhi Burns Center built by Bada Bhanteji and now run by the State Government. Some people have donated for this dana program apart from the endowment donations, interest of which is used for the Dāna services. May all the donors get the merits, punya, from this noble act!

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*Hospital Service at Mahabodhi Burns Center*



*MMI Monks packing fruits for hospital dana service.*



### Endowments

The following are the endowments for conducting humanitarian activities, which were established many years back. We are grateful to all these donors and wish them happiness.

- Smt.Shakuntala Venkatakrishnappa Endowment
- Smt.C.S.Savithamma Endowment
- Venerable Acharya Buddharakkhita Endowment
- Dr.Nanjamma V.Setty Endowment
- Smt.Sheshamma Endowment
- Lt.Gen.B.M.Rao Endowment
- Dr.A.S.Venkatachalam Animal Welfare Trust
- Shri N.A.Raju Endowment
- Smt.Shela Srinivas Endowment
- Shri R.Narayanaswamy Endowment
- Smt.Swerty Devi Endowment
- Shri Channappa Subbamma Endowment
- Shri. Madhava Mallya Endowment
- Shri. U.Nagendra Nayak Endowment
- Smt.Shambhavi Gongolli Endowment
- Smt.A.Bhagyalakshmi Endowment
- Smt.U.Prema Nayak Endowment
- Smt.Chinnamma and Sri B.V.Krishnamurthy Endowment
- Dodda Mane Maggada Dr.M.R.Narendrakumar and Family Endowment
- Sarayu, Sandhya, Rajaram Endowment
- Shri.P.N.Raju Endowment
- Shri. Y.B.Nandana and Family Endowment
- Prof.S.S.Arakeri, S.Nagaratna Arakeri and Family Endowment
- Shri L.Shivalingaiyah, Thejovathi, Chandrakala and family Endowment
- Smt. Jayalakshamma & Shri. Narasimha Murthy Memorial Endowment

### DHAMMA and BUDDHADHAMMA Magazines

The English monthly magazine DHAMMA, which was started in the year 1972 and has been published continually and during the year of report too it was published for 12 months. Monks and Upasaka Ramesh, Upasaka Aneesh Bodh have worked hard to bring out the magazine.

BUDDHA DHAMMA in Kannada is a bi-monthly magazine and it is also coming out regularly. Upasaka Aneesh Bodh is helping with proof reading and editing. The articles in these two magazines contain mainly on the life of the Buddha, suttas, jataka, meditation, Buddhism in daily practice, Pali language, Mahabodhi Society News and reports etc. We are trying to take Dhamma magazine to a higher level and this would require substantial financial assistance from our supporters. We request one and all to subscribe and contribute generously in this regard.

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### List of Book released during March 2017 to April 2018

1. An Insight Into Buddhist Holy Objects By *Ven. Buddhadatta*
2. Vyakaranada Moola Tatvagalu (Kannada Books) By *P.S Gayathri Chebbi*
3. Anghuttara Nikaya Volume Panchaka Nipata ( Kannada Tipitaka ) by *Muniyal Ganesh Shenoy*
4. Anghuttara Nikaya Volume Chatukka Nipata ( Kannada Tipitaka ) by *Arun Kumar Habbu*
5. Buddhanussati Bhavana (Kannada)
6. Dhammacakka Pavatthana Sutra Cd by *Buddha Vacana Trust, Bengaluru*
7. Samyutta Nikaya-Sayalayata Vagga Vol.4 ( Kannada Tipitaka ) by *Aneesh Bodh*
8. Samyuttinikaya Nidhana Samyutta. Vol.2 ( Kannada Tipitaka ) by *Prof. Mohan Habbu*
9. Anghutara Nikaya Vol 6 ( Kannada Tipitaka ) by *Molakalmuru Sreenivasamurthy*
10. Dharmada Chikitse (Kannada) by *K. Chikkanarayanappa*
11. Manasannu Ariyuvudu by *K. Chikkanarayanappa*
12. New Year Calendars by *Buddha Vacana Trust, Bengaluru*
13. Dr. Ven. Acharya Buddharakkita 1922 – 2013 by *Ven. Bhikkhu Ananda*
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## MAHABODHI SOCIETY

The Bodhgaya branch of Mahabodhi Society was initiated during the year 2017-2018, mainly by the hard work of our president Ven.Kassapa Mahathera. Due to his efforts, we were able to acquire a piece of land measuring 13,000 Sq.Ft. in Bodhgaya. A comprehensive plan was drawn to develop Mahabodhi Center for Research, Meditation and Culture.

The project envisages a meditation and multipurpose hall, accommodation for 50 participants and accommodation for monks and teachers. Regular camps will be conducted for the development of personality, calmness of mind, creative thinking, inter religious harmony and character building. There will be short term and long term courses.

The construction of the building started with right earnest and so far the foundation part is over and the construction has come to plinth level.

We are very grateful to all the monks, specially Ven.Bhikkhu Ananda of Bodhgaya, who helped immensely to acquire the land and also governmental works. He has been hosting our president with accommodation and food at his center. We are also grateful to many monks who came and did puja and blessing ceremony. We express our gratitude to Ven.Kondanya who always helps us in Bodhgaya to conduct pujas and he sends lot of materials for pujas.

We are extremely grateful to the devotees in Bengaluru who have committed for constructing a room in their names and other donors. Ms. Monica Thaddey of Switzerland who donated magnanimous donation along with 256 people is an example of how a person should do generosity oneself and involve others to share merits.



*Inauguration of the Construction of the Mahabodhi Bodhgaya project on the occasion of 94th birthday of most Ven Acharya Buddharakkhita by Ven Saremanleara, Chief Monk of Malaysia*



*Ven Kassapa Maha Thera inspecting the Construction work of Mahabodhi Bodhgaya*

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## Mahabodhi Dayaka Mandali (Sanghadana)

Mahabodhi Buddha Vihara in Bengaluru is a place of Buddhist spiritual practice and cultural activities center. We welcome you to join Mahabodhi Dayaka Mandali, activities aimed at the development of Sila, Samadhi and Panya, through Dhamma practice. In a perfect Buddhist Society lay people give dana to support monks and monasteries and monks support lay people by fulfilling their spiritual needs. Your Dana Donation to the Sangha will bring you Ayu, vanna, sukkham and blam (long life, beauty, happiness and strength).

You may offer dana on any day of the year or any special day in your life, like birthday, marriage, death, naming ceremonies etc. There are 135 monks at present in the Mahabodhi Monastery and the different Sanghadana you may offer are:

1. Breakfast per day- 5000-
2. Lunch per day- 7000-
3. Evening Juice per day- 3000-
4. Total for one day Sanghadana- 15,000-



*Devotees serving lunch to monks*



*Mahabodhi monks giving Dhamma talks to donor after lunch.*



*Lay people performing merit sharing in the name of departed members after sangha dhana*

During the past year we have seen in the increase of the dana and the lay people benefitting by listening to Dhamma from monks to lead a meaningful life. We are deeply grateful for you donation. Puja was conducted on the occasion of Sanghadana of Breakfast / Lunch/ Juice offerings from April 2017 to March 2018

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## MAHA BODHI SOCIETY BRANCHES

Maha Bodhi Society, Bangalore, has established branches in Narasipura, Mysore, Arunachal Pradesh, Tripura and Hyderabad. Several activities were conducted there too. The report of them is as follows:

### **Mahabodhi Dhammaduta Vihara Meditaiton center.**

This center was started by Most Venerable Acharya Buddharakkhita and he laid foundation on the occasion of 2550th Buddha Jayanti Celebrations. The purpose of this center is to run residential courses in meditation and intensive Dhamma studies to teach the moral values, meditation, character building education, personality development programs so that a strong vibrant and patriotic society is built in India. Venerable Bhikkhu Sangharakkhita had been the in charge of this center. This centre is managed by one in-charge monk, two novice monks, one manager and eight staff. There were many meditation and other spiritual programs conducted throughout the year. During the year 28 residential courses were conducted where hundreds of people got benefit.

#### **About the Center**

Mahabodhi Meditation Center at Dhammaduta Buddha Vihara is a place for moral and spiritual training, situated on the outskirts of Bengaluru. Ideally located 27 kilometers away from Bengaluru City railway station in Narasipura village near Alur, North Bengaluru.

The centre has facilities of meditation halls, meditation pagoda with individual meditation rooms, living rooms (double sharing), dining facilities and garden with mango groves for walking meditation. Men and women above 20 years age can participate in the course. The courses are offered totally free of cost.

The land for the centre was offered by Maha Upasaka Shir Chaitanya Raghunath ji in memory of his late father Shri Anjanappa and late mother Jyamma on the occasion of 80th birthday of Most Venerable Acharya Buddharakkhita in 2001.



*Meditator going around the Pagoda at Mahabodhi Meditation center.*

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Besides learning meditation, the practitioners will also get the opportunity to learn the basics of Dhamma. The courses are offered in English, Hindi and Kannada languages.

This is a great opportunity for all Dhamma practitioners to come and meditate in this ideal place and make progress towards liberation. Men and women above 20 years age can participate in the course. The courses are offered totally free of cost. You will learn and gain the following from this retreat.

1. Correct knowledge of the Life of the Buddha.
2. The fundamental teaching of the Buddha.
3. The different techniques of meditation taught by the Buddha.
4. Ways of practising Dhamma in daily life for a peaceful living.
5. To overcome negativities like depression, anger, worry, tension, greed, stress, bad behaviour and relationships, etc and develop noble qualities in the mind like love, compassion, patience, understanding, forgiving, relaxation, harmony, joy and open-heartedness.
6. Harmonious living within the family and with the society.
7. Dealing with one's own mind and developing it towards wisdom.
8. Liberating the mind ultimately from all bondages.



*Bhagavan Buddha statue inside the meditation hall donated by  
Ven. Kiribathagoda Gnanananda Thera,  
Founder of Mahamewnava Buddhist Monastery, Sri Lanka*



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*A monk meditating under the Mango tree.*



*Dhamma Vinaya Arama meditator residences.*



*A meditation course in progress.*



*Monks receiving food from the villagers around Nelamangala.*



*Monks going to the nearby village to collect food.*



*Girls meditation course in progress.*



*Participants having meals in the dining hall.*



*Vipassana temporary monkhood course participants with Ven Dhammika from Sri Lanka.*



*Bodhi tree growing nicely at the meditation centre.*

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2017- Schedule of Residential Meditation,  
Character Building, Personality Development course conducted At

**MAHABODHI MEDITATION CENTER**

Dhammaduta Vihara, Narasipura, Bengaluru

Date	Course Details	Teacher
Mar 5 – 11	5 Day Meditation Course (English/Hindi)	Ven. Dhammapala
Mar 18 – 23	5 Day Buddha Dhamma Bhavana Course (Kannada)	Ven. Ananda
Apr 04 – 09	05 Day Girls Children Camp (10 Yrs – 14 Yrs)	
Apr 10 – 15	05 Day Girls Children Camp (15 Yrs – 20 Yrs )	
Apr 18 – 23	05 Day Boys Children Camp (10 Yrs – 14 Yrs )	
Apr 25 – 30	05 Day Boys Children Camp (15 Yrs – 20 Yrs)	
May 02- 11	10 Day Pabbaja Temp Monkhood Course for Adult both Men and Women	Ven. Dhammapala/ Ven. Dhammaloka
May 16- 21	5 Day Meditation Course for Women.(English)	Sayale Uttamanani, Myanmar
May 24- 29	5 Day Buddha Dhamma Bhavana Course for College Students ( Kannada )	Ven. Sangharakkhita
June 01- 05	5 Day Meditation Course (English/Hindi)	Ven. Dhammapala Ven. Dhammaloka
June 06- 10	5 Day Buddha Dhamma Bhavana Course (Kannada)	Ven. Dhammaloka
June 15 -30	10 Day Vipassan Course in the Tradition of Sri S N Goenka ( Pabbaja) for Monks and Men.	Ven. Dhammika, Sri Lanka
July 11-16	5 Day Buddha Dhamma Bhavana Course (Kannada)	Ven. Sangharakkhita
July 18- 23	5 Day Monks' Meditation Retreat –	Ven. Sangharakkhita
July 25- 30	5 Day Meditation Course (English/Hindi)	Ven. Buddhadatta
August 06- 10	5 Day Monks' Meditation Retreat –	
August 13- 18	5 Day Buddha Dhamma Bhavana Course (Kannada)	Ven. Ananda
August 20- 29	10 Day Pabbaja Course For Adult (Hindi/ English –	Ven. Sangharakkhita
Sept 04- 09	5 Day Buddha Dhamma Bhavana Course (Kannada)	Ven. Ananda
Sept 12- 17	5 Day Monks' Meditation Retreat –	Ven. Sangharakkhita
Sept 26- Oct 01	5 Day Meditation Course (English/Hindi)	Ven. Kassapa Maha Thera
Oct 10- 19	10 Pabbaja Course for Adult Course (Kannada) –	Ven. Ananda
Oct 24- 29	5 Day Meditation Course (English/Hindi)	Ven. Dhammapala
Nov 01 – 30	1 Month Long Course Only For Monks / Pabbaja By Ven Visuddhananda, Sri Lanka.	Ven. Visuddhananda, Sri Lanka
Dec 01- 25	25 Days Course For Laypeople/ Pabbaja By Ven Visuddhananda, Sri Lanka	Ven. Visuddhananda, Sri Lanka



2018- Schedule of Residential Meditation,  
Character Building, Personality Development course conducted At  
**MAHABODHI MEDITATION CENTER**  
Dhammaduta Vihara, Narasipura, Bengaluru

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Date	Course Details	Teacher
Feb 2 - 7	5 Day Meditation Course (English)	Ven. Sayale Uttamanani, Myanmar
Feb 9 - 14	5 Day Meditation Course (English/Hindi/ Telugu)	Ven. Bhante Dhammapala
Feb 19 -24	5 Day BuddhaDhamma Bhavana Course (Kannada)	Ven. Bhikkhu Ananda
Mar 4 -9	5 Day Meditation Course (English/Hindi)	Ven. Bhikkhu Sugatananda
Mar 12 - 17	5 Day BuddhaDhamma Bhavana Course (Kannada)	Ven. Bhikkhu Ananda
Mar 20 - 30	10 days Samatha meditation course(English/Hindi/Telugu)	Ven. Bhante Dhammapala
April 2 – 9	7 days Girls Course (above 15 yrs)(English)	Sayamma Htoo Htoo, Myanmar
April 13 - 20	7 Day pabbajja course for adults (Kannada)	Ven. Bhikkhu Ananda
April 25 – 26	One Day Dhamma Children Camp (English / Hindi / Kannada)	Ven. Bhikkhu Dhammaloka
May 5 -12	7 days Boys course (above 15 yrs) (English / Hindi / Kannada)	Ven. Bhikkhu Sugatananda Ven. Bhikkhu Dhammaloka
May 21 – 26	5 Day BuddhaDhamma Bhavana Course (Kannada)	Ven. Bhikkhu Ananda
May 27 - 31	5 Day Meditation Course (English/Hindi)	Ven. Bhikkhu Kassappa
June 2- 12	10 Day Vipassan Course in the Tradition of Sri S N Goenka ( Pabbaja) for Monks and Men as Pabbaja- Temp Monkhood	Ven. Bhikkhu Dhammika, Sri Lanka
June 18 – 23	5 Day BuddhaDhamma Bhavana Course (Kannada)	Ven. Bhikkhu Ananda
Date to be fixed	5 days meditation Retreat for Monks and Lay people in English	Ven. AjahnDtun, Thailand
July 1 – 5	5 Days course for women(English)	Ven. Sayalay Yasanandi, Myanmar
July 8 –17	8 Days meditation course (English)	Ven. Monk from Myanmar
July 21 - 26	5 Day BuddhaDhamma Bhavana Course (Kannada)	Ven. Bhikkhu Ananda
Aug 5 -10	5 Day Meditation course (Hindi/English)	Ven. Bhikkhu Buddhadatta
Aug 15-20	5 Day Meditation course for Monks	Ven. Bhikkhu Kassppa Mahathera
Aug 27-01 Sept	5 Day BuddhaDhamma Bhavana Course (Kannada)	Ven. Bhikkhu Ananda
Sept 1 – 8	7 Days Intensive Abhidhamma studies	Sayalay Uttamanyani
Sept 17 -22	5 Days meditation course English/Burmese	Ven. Bhikkhu Pamokkho, Myanmar
Sept 26 –01 Oct	5 Day Buddha DhammaBhavana Course (Kannada)	Ven. Bhikkhu Ananda
Oct 4 – 12	8 Days Pabbjja- Temporary Monkhood meditation course (English/Hindi/ Telugu)	Ven. Bhikkhu Dhammapala Ven. Bhikkhu Dhammaloka
Oct 15 - 20	5 Day Meditation Course for Monks	Ven. Bhikkhu Kassappa
Oct 26 – 31	5 Day Buddha DhammaBhavana Course (Kannada)	Ven. Bhikkhu Ananda
Nov 01- 30	One month long meditation course for Mahabodhi monks	Ven. Visuddhananda,Srilanka
Dec 1 – 20	20 Days Long course Lay people, temporary pabbajja for men	Ven. Visuddhananda,Srilanka
Dec 21– 26	5 Days meditation course for lay people	Ven. VisuddhanandaSrilanka
Dec 28 – 2 Jan	5 Day BuddhaDhamma Bhavana Course (Kannada)	Ven. Bhikkhu Ananda



## MYSORE BRANCH

Venerable Acharya Buddharakkhita started Mahabodhi educational institutions with a view to give the best of modern education along with character building teachings. The Mysore branch has three main activities :

- Mahabodhi Carla Students Home
- Mahabodhi School
- Mettaloka Youth Center

### **Mahabodhi Carla Students home 2017-18**

Mahabodhi Carla Students Home was built in 2001 which can accommodate 192 children. Since beginning most of the time the home is full. Most deserving children from all over India are housed here and they are provided with accommodation, food, medical care, games, curricular and co-curricular activities, moral education and educational facilities free of cost. During this year there were 183 students, 23 staff and two venerable monks.



*Mahabodhi Carla Students Home children with Mother Park Chung Soo*

### **State-wise List of students in the home**

Arunachal Pradesh- 95  
 Tripura- 16  
 Jammu and Kashmir- 28  
 Karnataka- 16  
 Assam- 9  
 Uttar Pradesh- 8  
 Bihar- 2  
 Maharashtra- 5  
 Mizoram- 4  
**Total - 183**

Following are the activities that were conducted during the year 2017-18

- Guest Speaker were invited for career counseling in the field of commerce, banking, modern technology, science, accounting, arts and humanities, carrier counseling and preparation for exams.
- One Month extensive English classes by international volunteers.



- Summer camp classes and educational excursion was organized.
- 2 day sports for all and all for sports tournaments was organized for hostel boys.
- Hospital and beggars Dana services was conducted every month and special items were donated on special occasions.
- Buddha Jayanti celebration from 4<sup>th</sup> May to 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2017.
- 19 new boys from the states of Arunachal Pradesh, Tripura, Karnataka, Jammu and Kashmir and Bihar were admitted in Carla Students Home.
- Mrs. Vreni Iseli from Switzerland arrived in Carla home as a volunteer to work in Mahabodhi School for 6 months.



*Distribution of food in beggars colony, Mysuru*



*Volunteer Ms Vreni from Switzerland teaching paper craft to hostels boys.*



*Children with Volunteers Vreni, Soma, and Salome*

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- Visiting of Venerable monks from Maha Bodhi Society, Benglauru namely Ven Kassapa President MBS, Ven Ananda General Secretary MBS, Ven Dhammaloka Director MBS Mysuru, Ven Buddhadatta Principal MMI, and guest monks and nuns from Burma, Thailand, Korea and Sri lanka.
- Short Meditation retreats were conducted to balance and sharpen the mind of the children



*Childrens Welcoming Ven Ananda to Hostel*



*Shri Srinvasa Prasad, Honorable Ex. Minister speaking to hostel boys*



- Alumni Reunion Event was organized for senior alumni, more 150 student came to join the programs. Several programs was organized and all shared good feedback.
- Guest, Sponsors and well-wishers came to visit the sponsor child and spend few days with hostel boys.



*Alumni meet of the School and Carla Home*



*Hostel boys welcome Mother Monica and Alex from Switzerland.*

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*Alumni Reunion 2017*

#### **Infrastructure Development**

- New Bathroom and Toilet block of two floors were constructed and inaugurated on the 30<sup>th</sup> of December
- New water purifier was installed in Carla home
- Installment of 8 CCTV camera
- Various Renovation work ( paintings, repairs and other purchase new materials )



*Inauguration of the New Bathroom block by Ms. Gaby and Mr. Ruedi*



*Boys of Carla Home in their tradition dress welcoming the old students of Carla Home*

### **Mahabodhi School, Mysore**

The school provides holistic education in an atmosphere of love and care allowing the children to grow naturally and happily developing intelligence, compassion and wisdom at every stage.

**Holistic Education** is to bring about total personal evolution, physical fitness, emotional balance and strength, social responsibility, cultural richness, spiritual growth of a child. This is achieved through:

1. Building of Character education based on moral and spiritual principles constituting the foundation of happiness and peace;
2. Academic studies, which fulfills one's intellectual thirst and also help a person to find one's profession in life to help oneself and others; and
3. Caring inner and outer environment which includes relationship with people and nature around oneself.



*Mahabodhi school morning assembly*

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### Staff and Students:

Mahabodhi School Affiliated to CBSE, New Delhi, functioned with 440 children from the classes Nursery to Grade X Std. The school is well equipped with experienced and dedicated 23 teaching staff and 10 non-teaching staff.

### Following events were organized at Mahabodhi School.

- Teachers Orientation program
- World Environment Day was organized with the theme connected with Nature.
- Student Council Election to elect the head boy and girl of the school.
- Yoga Day- School children participated in the longest yoga chain in Mysuru to create a Guinness world record.
- Red Day, Pi Day, Blue day
- Independence Day
- Bada Bhanteji Smarananjali day
- Gandhi Jayanti
- Kannada Rajyotsava and Exhibitions
- Children's day
- Indian Constitutional day.
- The Annual School Day celebration – Chiguru Habba.
- Republic Day
- Farewell program for X STD



*Mr. Jan Esswein, a sponsor Visits Mahabodhi School*



*Learning is fun at Mahabodhi school*



*Esteem Guests on the occasion of Chiguru Habba, Mahabodhi Annual School Day.*

#### **Co-Curricular Activities/Competitions of the Year 2017-18**

- **Memory test competition**
- **Drawing competition**
- **Fancy dress competition**
- **English recitation competition**
- **Poster making competition**
- **Hand writing competition**
- **Creative writing based on picture prompt**
- **Singing competition**
- **Intra-Class Academic performance Competition**

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### Sports Report

Sports competition inculcates the spirit of healthy camaraderie and sportsmanship among the students and prepares them for the life ahead. This year many students made us proud by winning many sporting events from Inter- School and Intra – School competitions.

- **Independence Day Cup**
- **Karate Championship**



*Football team of Mahabodhi School*

- **Intra - Class Sports Competitions**
- **Parent - Teachers sports meet**

### Educational Field Trip

Field trips are necessary for the all-round development of students. It contributes to child vision and insight. With this view, the school has organized educational tours for higher classes and picnic for lower classes. This year a one day recreational outing for Nursery kids to Planet Earth and one day picnic for I-VIII students to Innovative film city, Bidadi, Bangalore was organized. An Educational Field Trip to Gods own country Kerala from Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> 2017 for the classes 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Students were fortunate to visit famous places like Munnar, Wayanad, Cochin, Calicut, Guruvayur and Edakal Caves, Thekady etc.,

### School Facilities

Mahabodhi School is providing many facilities to support various academic activities.

- **Library**
- **Digital Classrooms**
- **Mathematics Laboratory**
- **Biology Laboratory**
- **Physics & Chemistry Laboratory**
- **Sports Room**
- **Auditorium**
- **Activity room**
- **Nursery play station**
- **School Bus**



## MAHABODHI METTALOKA YOUTH CENTER

Mahabodhi Mettaloka Youth center is a branch of Mahabodhi Maitri Mandala in Mysuru established in the year 2003 to allow the students to pursue their higher studies. Students completing their schooling of 10<sup>th</sup> class get the opportunity to come and experience the life in Mettaloka. Over the years hundreds of students have benefited from this program and most of the boys have done well and well settled in their life. Following are activities conducted during the years 2017-18



*Boys of Mahabodhi Mettaloka Youth Centre, Mysuru*

The present Mahabodhi Mettaloka Youth Centre is 4 KM away from Carla Students' Home.

- 26 students resided in Mettaloka Youth Center at Yadavgi, MYURU for the academic year 2017-18.
- Five students pursuing their Bachelors' Degree. (Two of them are science students, and other three study commerce and business).
- Eight students have appeared class 12<sup>th</sup> exam.
- Ten students are promoted to 12<sup>th</sup> (four science student, 3 commerce, and 3 humanities) and
- Two are pursuing Diploma in Industrial training institute (Dhamito and Amitabho) and are posted in companies at Bengaluru as Interns.



*Career counseling by Prof. Lakshma*

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## HYDERABAD BRANCH

The Centre runs various activities to promote Moral teachings and Humanitarian services for the welfare of all, currently the centre is building facilities for both School and Hostel . Ven. Bhikkhu Buddhapala managed the activities very efficiently.

**Mahabodhi Vidhyalaya:** There were 30 students and 3 teachers. There were 3 full-time staffs, 1 part-time staff and 2 volunteers. This year most of the students completed three years of Basic Education and they moved to Bengaluru centre for further studies, 25 new students have been admitted. The students have a full day schedule to in every aspect of a Student life. In June 2017 the 18 students had the opportunity to visit to Mumbai.

**Meditation workshop:** Venerable Dhammapala conducted Meditation workshop throughout the year, 15 to 20 people attended in each workshop and on the weekends the strength is 20-25. People are responding well as the workshop deals with 'Right thinking and Right meditations for Health, Happiness and Peace of Mind' and day to day life related issues. We are developing the program into a residential retreat, so that the participants get maximum benefit and better environment to develop them.



*Meditation workshop*

**Mahabodhi Seva Sadana:** The ground floor of the building is getting completed. The floor has kitchen, dining, store, six rooms each two beds, room for 4 staffs and an office. It is supported by The Government of India and we are happy to say that this year additional fund was sanctioned for the first floor where we will have more rooms. The rooms will be used for the residential meditation retreat.



*Mahabodhi Seva Sadana*



**Sangharama and Vijjayatana:** The building will house 8 teacher and 108 students with classrooms. The work started in April 2018. The Foundation Station was laid by Venerable Bhikku Kassapa, President MahaBodhi Maitri Mandala, Bengaluru on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2018. The project is partially supported by Aurobindo Foundation and we are in need of more funds to complete.

**Mahabodhi Book Centre:** The centre caters to the need of books on Buddhism in different languages. There are books in Telugu, English and Hindi. It is open for public on all days. We are building a well-established Centre where more books can be made available.

**Sunday Evening Program:** The program is conducted every Sunday evening from 6 pm to 8 pm. The program begins with Chanting, group meditation, Moral Class and ends with Q&A. 20 to 30 people attend and most of the participants are new to the program every Sunday.

**Website:** We have developed a website; it has information of all the activities, Project details which consist of all the upcoming projects wherein users can donate towards a particular project, literature Section where the users can purchase Buddhist Literature. And in the Events Tab, our users are updated with all the upcoming events etc. Please visit the site at [www.mahabodhihyd.org](http://www.mahabodhihyd.org)



**Maruti Van:** Andhra Bank donated a Maruti Van for shopping purpose. We thank Andhra Bank and Shri. Anjaneya Reddy for making it possible.



**Visit of Guests:** Venerable Tenzin Tharpa, an American Buddhist Monk in the Tibetan tradition at Sera Jey Monastery, South India, he gave a talk to our devotees. Venerable Visuddhananda, a meditation teacher from Sri Lanka conducted special meditation on 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> January 2018 for our monks and devotees. There were many National and International groups of faculties and students who visited to learn about Buddhist culture.

*International groups of faculties and students*





## NAMSAI BRANCH

The Mahabodhi Namsai centre was established in the year 2012 under the blessings of Most Venerable Acharya Buddharakkhita, the founder president of Mahabodhi Organizations, Bengaluru. The main objective of Mahabodhi Organization is to put into practice the Buddha's teachings through various humanitarian services.

Initial work of Mahabodhi Namsai Center was started in a rented room at Namsai. On January 2015 we have shifted the college in our own campus near Namsai, donated by the public leaders, youth organizations and local people of the area. At present various humanitarian activities are being conducted in this center, namely:

1. Mahabodhi Buddha Vihara
2. Mahabodhi Lord Buddha College.
3. Mahabodhi Maitri Girls Home.
4. Mahabodhi Gotami Vihara, (A Buddhist Nunnery for Nuns).

### **Mahabodhi Buddha Vihara**

With the blessing of Bada Bhanteji Most Ven Acharya Buddharakkhita, Mahabodhi Buddha Vihara was started with 18 young monks. There were 75 Monks under training at Mahabodhi Buddha Vihara in Namsai during the year of report.

The monastic residence was donated by Maha Upasaka Chow Pinthika Namchom and his family members. We are ever grateful to him for helping the monks in practicing, preserving and propagating the teachings of Lord Buddha.

The biggest help came from the Government of Arunachal Pradesh to construct the college building. Honorable Chief Minister Shri Pema Khandu has been admirer of Mahabodhi activities and he always encouraged to develop the area for the welfare of the people.

Shri Maha Upasaka Chawna Mein, Honorable Deputy Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh as been the backbone of Mahbodhi center in Namsai. He takes personal interest and enquires the development of the center. He has been instrumental in getting the government support.

Shri Upasaka Jingnu Namchoom, Honorable MLA is another dynamic young leader has been helping Mahabodhi activities for the welfare of the people without any distinction of religion, tribe or race.

We are grateful to all the leaders and public for their support to develop Mahabodhi center for the welfare of the people of this area.

The resident young monks are getting both monastic and secular education. They go to nearby government school in the morning session for secular education and in the afternoon they are getting monastic education in the monastery. Even morning and evening Sutta chanting and meditation session is going on regularly. Apart from that, regular Sunday Dhamma program is organized in the monastery prayer hall. The young monks are happy with their daily routine and their day to day activities.



*Monks of Mahabodhi Monastic center with Ven Visuddhanada from Sri Lanka*



*Ven Panyaloka head monk of Namsai center leading the morning alms collection.*



*Mahabodhi monks receiving food from villagers.*

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*Cars decorated and pictures of Lord Buddha for procession on the occasion of Buddha Jayanti Vesak celebration at Mahabodhi Vihara.*

#### **Mahabodhi Lord Buddha College**

Arunachal Pradesh is a culturally diverse and environmentally rich state of India. By starting a college at Namsai, students of this area are having access to higher learning at shorter distance and at affordable costs. Mahabodhi College nurtures all round development of an individual through character building education relevant to the present day dynamic world.



*Mahabodhi Lord Buddha College*

We take great pleasure in presenting the Annual Report of Mahabodhi Lord Buddha College documenting its development and achievement for the year 2017 – 2018. This year is marked with many events and success stories. This can be attributed to the dedication and team spirit of the staff, students and members of the management.



*MLBC College teachers*

### **Admission**

The admission of the students was carried out by a duly constituted 'Admission Committee'. The Selection was purely on merit basis and in accordance with the guidelines of the Government of Arunachal Pradesh and The Rajiv Gandhi University. Special admission fee discount was given to meritorious students.

### **The Courses**

The following courses are offered at Mahabodhi Lord Buddha College:

1. Bachelor of Arts.
2. Bachelor of Commerce.
3. Bachelor of Computer Application.
4. Bachelor of Education.
5. Center for Distance Education (Institute of Distance Education) IDE



*Ven Panyaloka, Director of Mahabodhi Lord Buddha College.*

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### College Strength

The College has enrolled in B.A. 145 & in B.Com 25 total 170 students and in the academic year of 2017-18 the teaching and non-teaching staff strength was increased to 28.

### B.Ed Course

Due to necessity of trained teacher in the region we have started the Teacher's Training program Bachelor of Education form this academic year 2017-18. We got recognition from NCTE and course Affiliation from Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar. With the enrollment of 50 students the Program is running to train the teacher-students smoothly.

### In distance education course

A center for Institute of Distance Education was started and with the enrolment of 23 students in B.S. and 6 Students in M.A.



*College student dress for special event.*

### University Results

The performance of B.Com students in the University Examinations is consistently very good. This academic year 2017-18 of B.A and B.Com result is 100%. In B.A. Final Examination 24 students were appeared and 2 students have got first class and rest all are in second. 15 students were appeared B.Com. The college has secured 2<sup>nd</sup> rank of all affiliated colleges of Rajiv Gandhi University.

### Sports and Games:

Our College provides ample opportunities for sports and games. MLBC allows the students to experience more in co-curricular activities also. The collage selected the fittest student to participate both in football and cricket tournament. The students participated in each event and played with full enthusiasm and interest.



*MLBC students with the winner trophy.*

**Computer Centre**

The Computer Centre of the College was equipped with 15 computers with Internet access and printing facilities to the students and staff of the college. We are planning to increase the number of computer set in the lab to 25 sets.

**Library and Reading Room**

The college library has sufficient text book and reference books of the students and teachers. The library has a separate reference section. It subscribes several dailies, weeklies and monthly magazines. Suitable arrangements have been made for the students to read them during leisure hours. Students can borrow the books from the library with help of their library card which is issued at the time of admission.

**Student activities**

The Independence Day, Republic Day, Teachers Day observed with regular feature. College Cultural were organized by the students in most befitting manner. Students were participated in all activities with great interest and enthusiasm.



*MLBC student dancing on annual college day celebration.*



### **Mahabodhi Maitri Girls Home:**

Mahabodhi Maitri Girls Home, Namsai was started in the year 2013 to help and support in education to those students who are coming from poor family background. Mahabodhi Maitri Girls Home is a home for girls where they are provided with the facilities to grow healthy with the support of Dhamma.



*Girls of Mahabodhi Maitri home*

During the year 2017-18, there were 17 girls residing in the hostel. Out of which 5 are studying in 11<sup>th</sup> standard, 3 are studying in B.A I<sup>st</sup> semester and 4 studying in B.A II<sup>nd</sup> semester. In commerce stream 1 student studying in B.com 1<sup>st</sup> Semester and 4 students are studying B.A. 6<sup>th</sup> Semester. There is one warden to guide and look after the girls.

The 11<sup>th</sup> standard girls are studying in Government Higher Secondary School, Namsai and the B.A & B.Com students are studying in Mahabodhi Lord Buddha College, Namsai. The hostel is running quite well in the rent house with essential facilities. Two inverters were installed for uninterrupted power supply in study hours. The girls themselves cook for their food in by taking turn.

Apart from their study everyday morning and evening regular meditation sessions were conducted. The students planted flowers, plants and vegetables in the hostel campus.



*Mahabodhi girls in colorful traditional dress and enjoy a ride in the park*



*Ready for Water festival*

### MAHABODHI GOTAMI NUNNERY BORDUMSA

One of the significant contributions to the Buddha Sasana of Mahabodhi organization is the establishment of Mahabodhi Gotami Vihara a Buddhist Monastery of Nuns. At present the Mahabodhi Gotami Vihara is running in Goju Village adjacent to the Goju Monastery in Bordumsa Circle. Ven. Sayale Yasanandi from Myanmar who is an Abhidhamma teacher has been training and teaching the nuns in various discipline of Dhamma.

We are searching a nice plot of land to establish a full-fledged Nun Monastery for train the nuns.



*Mahabodhi Gotami Nuns with teacher Ven Pamokha and Ven Panyaloka*

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*With nun teacher from Myanmar*

Nuns are not only studying the Dhamma, they even study general knowledge. So they had done English study project to improve language skills and general knowledge guided by Debarati Barnerji Madam who is from Hyderabad and volunteering in our nunnery for three months. On 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017 was World Environment Day, all nuns had done project on Water, Soil, Tree, Air and Sky by making team. They had studied even practically by understanding how the environment is important for the beings to be survive.

### **MAHABODHI DIYUN**

Mahabodhi Diyun was established in the year 2003 with the blessing of Ven. Acharya Buddharakkhita, founder President of Mahabodhi organizations, Bengaluru. The branch was established with objectives of helping the needy and deserving people of the North-Eastern part of India through humanitarian, Educational and Medical services.

Initially, the MMM started its school and hostel activities in bamboo huts. Later on Mahabodhi Diyun acquired 20 acres of land in Jyothipur village near Diyun. We have expanded our activities with various humanitarian services to the needy people, namely:

1. Mahabodhi School
2. Mahabodhi Rita Girls Home
3. Mahabodhi Boys Home
4. Mahabodhi Moral Training Centre
5. Mahabodhi Medical Centre
6. Mahabodhi Sunday school Program for Children
7. Mahabodhi Sujata Dairy Project
8. Mahabodhi Agricultural Program
9. Mahabodhi Malaria Prevention Program
10. Mahabodhi Meditation Centre



*Mahabodhi Girls performing on Independence day*

The sister organization, Mahabodhi Maitri Mandala Arunachal Branch has been registered under Registration act by the Government of Arunachal Pradesh. Venerable Panyarakhita is the chairman of Mahabodhi Maitri Mandala centers in Arunachal Pradesh. He is directly monitoring the development of Tawang and Diyun projects.

Various activities conducted during the year:

**Buddha Jayanti Celebration:**

- One day Free Medical camp
- METTA DAY. As a gesture of spreading love and compassion around the world.
- Released of hundreds of fish, birds and craps in Nao-Dihing River.
- Peace procession in the town on Buddha Purnima day
- After the procession Venerable Panyarakhita spoke briefly about the Buddha and his teachings at the main hall.

**Teachers training program:**

A Teachers training and carrier counseling was conducted on 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2017 for teachers and students of Mahabodhi School. Mr. Debharati, a corporate employers trainer from Hyderabad was invited to conduct this training program.



*Special counseling to the teachers at Mahabodhi School.*



### **MPLad grants:**

We received MPLad support from two honorable Members of parliament, Delhi- from Mr.Swapan Dasgupta and Mr.George Beker. Both of them are Rajya sabha nominated members. Mr. Swapan Dasgupta supported us for the construction of computer lab and Mr.George Beker donated for the purchase of 20 set of computers. Computer classes are imparted from 1<sup>st</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> standard in our school. Shortages of computers were met by the kind support from Honorable MPs.



*Computer class room at Mahabodhi School*

### **Bada Bhanteji's Smarananjali:**

The Founders Smarana day (Demise) was observed with following programs

- Monks, staff and children performed Puja, Meditation and observed precepts whole day. There was Dhamma talk by Venerable Dhammaratna who gave a talk on Bada bhanteji's life and achievements.
- A film on the life of the Buddha was shown to the children.
- Free treatment and medicines were provided free of cost to the poor villagers at our Karuna medical centre.
- Quiz competition was organized among the students of Rita Home
- Merit sharing ceremony dedicated to Bada bhanteji was conducted in the evening.
- The program concluded with lighting of 1008 candles in the name of Bada bhanteji.

### **Celebration of Ananda Bhanteji Birthday:**

Bhante Ananda birthday was celebrated on 25<sup>th</sup> September with Puja and dhammadesana by Venerable Sanghadatta. Lunch was arranged for the monks, staff and children of Mahabodhi. Sports competition was organized at Rita girl's home and trophy "Bhante Ananda trophy" was awarded to the winners. 1008 candles were lighted in the evening with the prayer for the good health, long and peace of mind of Bhante Ananda.

### **Visit of Reverend Mother Park Chung Soo:**

Mother Park Chung Soo, Noble peace prize nominee from South Korea visited Mahabodhi centre Arunachal on 15<sup>th</sup> to 18th October, 2017 during which Reverend Mother attended as chief guest and the school day program and also paid a visit to other Mahabodhi centres -Tawang centre, Lord Buddha college, Gotami Nunnery and Maitri Girls hostel at Namsai.



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**Mahabodhi Annual Picnic:**

The students of Rita Home were taken out for picnic at the bank or River Dihing on 11<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2018.

**Birthday Celebration of Kassapa bhanteji:**

Birthday of Kassapa bhanteji, the President of Mahabodhi Society was celebrated on 13<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2018. Different programs were organized in name of Kassapa bhanteji. Apart from conducting puja, lighting of lamps a Canteen for school children was started.

**Birthday celebration of Bada bhanteji:**

12<sup>th</sup> March 2017 was the birthday of Founder of Mahabodhi Society, Venerable Acharya Buddharakkhita. Twenty bhikkhus were invited and offered Sanghadana. There was dhammadesana by monks about the life of Bada bhanteji. Our Monks chanted Dhammapada for the whole day. In the evening special puja was offered in the name of Bada bhanteji by lighting 1008 candles.

**Mahabodhi Rita Girls Home:**

During the year there were 187 children at Mahabodhi Rita Girls Home with 6 care-takers and 7 staffs and 1 watchman. The children were well taken care of providing good facilities. Nutritious food was provided. Monthly health checks up were conducted by our doctor and nurses. The wardens took extra classes to the children every evening. English was introduced as medium for daily communication at Rita home. Apart from their normal studies Dhamma teaching and meditation were also taught to them every morning and evening and on every Sunday.

Cloth drying shed was constructed with the support from Mrs.Elizabeth Beer from Switzerland. Drainage of 250 meters from boy's hostel to girl's hostel was also constructed.

**Mahabodhi Boy's Hostel:**

During the year there were 65 children with 2 care-takers. The boys were also looked after very well by our hostel care-taker. They, apart from learning general subjects, also learn Moral education and meditation which help them in their study.

Besides a warden, two teachers give them special tuition in the morning and in the evening. Daily puja and meditation at the boy's hostel is part of their curriculum. Many activities and programs were also conducted for the children for their development in the field of education and Moral education.

Water tank stand was constructed at the boy's hostel and 2000 liters water tank was installed to store water at the boy's hostel.

**Mahabodhi School**

In the academic session we had 626 students' in classes from KG to 12 standards out of which there were 263 boys and 323 girls. There were 26 dedicated teaching staff and 9 non-teaching staff.



*Mahabodhi school representing at the republic day parade, Diyun*

On May 2017 CBSE results: The CBSE result of 2016-2017 was announced. Out of 49 students who appeared for class X exam 48 students were qualified with first division. Some of other activities conducted were carrier counseling, workshop for staff, Field trip cum data collection, Drawing competition, Essay writing competition, Inter cultural and food fest.

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Alumni Meet:**

1<sup>st</sup> Alumni Meet was organized at Mahabodhi School where 50 students of different batches of Mahabodhi School participated. Carrier counseling, games and sports and cultural programs were organized.

Toilet block was extended with constructing more toilets-two for girls and two for boys.

Library was equipped with more books.



*Senior students of Mahabodhi School at a workshop on “Motivating Future Students”*



**Mahabodhi Karuna Charitable Medical center:**

The medical center successfully completed 3 years on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2017 in the field of humanitarian service. During the year 2017 the center has examined 3452 outdoor patients and treated 437 indoor patients. We had 25 successful baby deliveries. 618 laboratory investigations were done, 16 ECG, 43 ANC, 124 minor OT were conducted. In addition to these 2537 patients were screened in 11 Free Medical Camps conducted in different villages and free medicines were distributed to the poor patients.

**Mahabodhi Agriculture project:**

Over the year we have grown lots of vegetables, Banana, Papaya, Pine-apple, Mango, Tamarind, Sugarcane, and lots of other fruits and vegetables to meet the requirements of the Hostels. In addition to this we have planted 1500 pineapples during year. We have two persons working in the field. And they have done excellent work.

**Mahabodhi Sujata cow project:**

There were 8 cows and were well taken care by 1 cow-boy. We still have lots of improvement to do for the cow projects. And we are looking for sponsors for the cows. The grass and the food we provide are not enough for the cows.

**Mahabodhi Meditation centre:**

Meditation hall is the heart of Mahabodhi Campus. Students do Meditation in the morning and evening. Every evening the children of Rita home and Boys hostel join the monks in puja and mediation. Meditation and Sunday program and other functions are being held in the Hall. Students have decorated the walls with beautiful paintings.

## MAHABODHI TAWANG

Mahabodhi Centre Tawang (Home for Elders & Children) was founded in 2008 with the blessings of Ven. Dr. Acharya Buddharakkhita. Since then it has been actively engaged in humanitarian services such as running old age home for orphan and deserving elderly people of Tawang region and imparting education and providing hostel facility to the underprivileged girls. Today we are running the five important programs as follows:

1. Mahabodhi Karuna Old Age Home: In all, we have 15 (9 ladies & 6 men) old age inmates living together.
2. Mahabodhi Primary English medium school: There are 120 students studying in our school. We have 8 teaching faculty in our school.
3. Mahabodhi Maitri Girls Home: Presently there are 90 girl students under our care and guidance.
4. Mahabodhi Siddhartha Boy's Home: There are 40 boys in the boys hostel.
5. Mahabodhi Senior Girls Home: We have 7 senior girls studying in 11<sup>th</sup> std and 12<sup>th</sup> std respectively.



*Elder members of Mahabodhi Old Age Home, Tawang*

Many dignitaries and government and army officials visited our center and appreciated the activities and also donated various things.



*Ven Ananda, Ven Panyaloka and Ven Buddhadatta visit Tawang center*

• **Summer Dhamma camp:** It was a new experience for these young pupils who took part in it. They got to witness and understand variety of knowledge like learning meditation was completely a new concept for them, listening to the inspiring life of the Buddha, The great sacrificial story of Bodhisatta from the Jataka tales, learning the basic moral values, Students have expressed their satisfaction over this Dhamma camp.



· **District Hospital Tawang,:** Mahabodhi Tawang Centre (Home for Elders & Children) would like to express its profound gratitude and deepest thanks to District Hospital Tawang for recognizing the humanitarian service to the needy senior citizens of Tawang district.

· **Buddha Jayanti :** Mahabodhi Centre Tawang celebrate the event in the presence of Dr. Rikya Lhavoe Rinpoche as the chief guest and who presided over the 2561th Vesakha Buddha Purnima celebration at Mahabodhi Dhammika Stupa. The day witnessed the chanting in both Pali languages as well as in Bothi language. Venerable Bhikkhu Dhammananda, Assistant monk in charge interpreted the five basic principles of Buddhism to the devotees.



*Ven Ratthapala With Venerable Rikya Lhavoe Rinpoche*

Venerable Rinpoche la said that he deeply appreciate the humanitarian services rendered by Mahabodhi Centre Tawang. He further said that he is immensely happy to listen to Pali chanting and feels closer to Lord Buddha. Theravada is the base of Buddhism. It plays a vital role in the growth of spiritual development.

**Medical camp:** 305 Field Hospital in collaboration with Humanity group Tawang conducted a health camp for senior aged people of Mahabodhi Karuna Old Age Home and Mahabodhi Children's at Teli village in Tawang district.



*Free medical check up organized by Indian Army for Mahabodhi childrens*



Smti. Jarjum Ete, President, Indian Council of Child Welfare, Arunachal Pradesh unit made a visit at our centre on the auspicious occasion of Full moon day. She was really happy about the services provided by our centre.



*Mahabodhi girls doing meditation*

**Smarananjali :** On this occasion of 4th death anniversary of most respected Bada Bhanteji, we have dedicated some programs to Bhanteji. At 5: 30am we all did puja. Special puja for Bada Bhanteji was offered around 9: 30 am in the presence of villagers, old age inmates, staffs, MBS senior students and children. Five precepts were administered by Ratthapala Bhanteji. Meditation for some time was practised. Ratthapala Bhanteji gave Dhamma to the general people and a student shared the life of Bada Bhanteji. Dana services were conducted in some monasteries. In the same evening, Elder's day program for the inmates of Karuna old age home was organised which is annual program for aged people. Our children spoke briefly about every individual male and female and they present a gift as a mark of tribute to them. Some cultural shows were also exhibited to elderly people. Special dinner was provided to all. Throughout the day, light refreshment was served to all visitors.

**Mother Park Chung Soo:** It was an honor and privilege for Mahabodhi Tawang family to receive Mother Park Chung Soo and Kassapa Mahathera, the President, Maha Bodhi Society and its branches at our centre. Ven. Mother Park Chung Soo is an eminent Buddhist nun from South Korea, who is a presidential awardee by the President of South Korea. Mother was also top ten nominees for noble prize in the year 2010. Mother has served and supported in more than 51 countries without discrimination. She was moved by the activities of the Mahabodhi Tawang.



*Mahabodhi girls learning music*



*Mahabodhi Girls practice dance*

## MAHABODHI DEOMALI

The Mahabodhi Deomali Branch is located in a small town of Deomali in Tirap district of Arunachal Pradesh. In the year 2010 the devotees and well-wishers of Deomali donated a monastery and a piece of land to the Mahabodhi Maitri Mandala. The Maha bodhi Branch of Deomali has established its activities in Moral and humanitarian services:

- Mahabodhi Maitri boy's hostel .
- Special Sunday Skill Development Program
- Every day Meditation and Moral Teachings.
- Awareness Programs in remote areas.
- Development activities in new sit.

### **(1) Mahabodhi Maitri Boys Hostel:-**

The Mahabodhi Maitri Boys Hostel was established in the year 2014. The first batch consisted of 27 boys and there are two Warden in-charges to take care of the children's. Apart from the formal education at school, Everyday meditation and moral education is taught to them.



*Mahabodhi boys doing their homework*



**(2) Everyday, Meditation & Moral Classes (Especially For Youth):-**

Every day twice at 4:00 am and 6:00 pm meditation is done in the center. Through Moral classes,.

**(2) Special Sunday Skill Development Program:-**



*Mahabodhi Boys doing meditation*

The Sunday Skill Development Program is conducted at 9:00 am along with meditation every Sunday. Through this program we are teaching people how to live a pure and spiritual life by gaining its merits. They are taught about the five precepts, Social and wholesome life that would benefit them and others. They are also taught meditation and metta so that they can find inner peace and live peacefully and happily with their family and friends by practicing.



*Morning prayer and meditation at Mahabodhi center*



**(3) Awareness Programs In Remote Areas:-**

Awareness programs about Addictions, Importance of Education etc are spread. Various activities are conducted in the nearby villages and taught about five precepts, how to live a wholesome life by practicing wholesome actions. It is a very challenging task to teach the local people.in a simple way so they could understand easily.

**(4) Development Activities:-**



*Construction of new Hostel Building*



*Construction of Drain*



*Construction of water tank stand.*

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## MAHABODHI CHICHINGCHERA

This Mahabodhi branch was established in the year 2009 by the blessings of the most Venerable Acharya Buddharakkhita.



*Special celebration on the birthday of Ven Acharya Buddharakkhita*

Following activities are runs at the centers.

1. Mahabodhi Monastic center
2. Mahabodhi School
3. Mahabodhi Dhammavijaya Buddha temple.
4. Mahabodhi Social development programs.

### **Mahabodhi School**

Mahabodhi Holistic school up to 8<sup>th</sup> Standard, to provide character building along with modern school education like computers education, leadership training was run well with challenges. During every Saturday Music, Dance and Extra Curricular activities are conducted.



*Assembly at Mahabodhi school*



*Students Planting saplings around the school campus*

This year World environment day 2018 was celebrated by planting 100 evergreen siblings in our school surrounding. Siblings were received from Manu forest division.



*Assembly of the students during National Festivals*

Mahabodhi School celebrates all the national festivals like 26 January (Republic Day), 15 August (Independent Day), Gandhi Jayanthi, Children's Day etc.



*Sports and physical training session to the students*

The Sports meet and Basic Physical training is conducted regularly for all the classes in the school playground. The progress of the Students in all sectors is recorded and new strategies are implementing for their overall development.



*Announcement of the Academic year Results*

### **MAHABODHI NOBINCHERA**

Mahabodhi Nabincherra is a new branch established in the year 2016-17 which is still under construction. The motto behind starting this branch is to bring the Socio-cultural development opportunities available to the common people in most remote places in north part of Tripura state and make aware of the wholesome life practice to them. In the first phase a Buddha Image to spread the message of World Peace is being constructed with the help of local people and government of Tripura.



## MAHABODHI SUKNACHARI

Maha Bodhi Society Suknachari, Tripura branch was established in 2013 by the blessing of Ven Acharya Buddharakkhita. The society runs following programs.

1. Mahabodhi Monastic Training center.
2. Mahabodhi School
3. Hospital dana service.
4. Counseling to villager to led a moral and happy life.



*Hostel students of the Mahabodhi School*

### Some of the Programs Conducted in the past year:

- Sangrai Festival, New year of local Mog community. They offer donation to monks and observe higher moral practice.
- Buddha Jayanti Festival were grandly celebrated people from Mog, Chakma, Barua, Uchai and Tripuri community participate in various moral programs.
- Hospital dana services were conducted on the Birthday of Most Ven Acharya Buddharakkhita, death day of Ven Acharya Buddharakkhita, birthday of Ven Kassapa Mahathera and Ven Ananda.
- Books and sweets were also distributed in government school on above occasions.
- Sunday Dhamma discourses were conducted for villager.
- Dedicated moral programs were conducted for youth.
- 10 days residential meditation courses were conducted by Mahabodhi Monks
- Generous support was provided to local during the time of floods, storm and natural disasters.
- Skill development course especially for girl was conducted for 3 day.
- PindapataMaha Dokkh chuing (Bhojana dana) giving opportunity to the all upasaka and upasika, to give Bhojana Dana oppportunity entire village we have organised specially during the Vassa period.
- Conference and Seminar were conducted on Pali, Buddhist philosophy, Tipitaka, the relevance of Buddha's teaching to modern life were conducted

### Mahabodhi School

The most venerable Bada Bhanteji Dr Acharya Bhuddharakkhita founded Mahabodhi Educational Institute with a view to give the best of modern Education along with character building teaching.

we started the academic year 2017 on 10<sup>th</sup> April with new proclamations, planning and vows. The very first programme was an orientation program for teachers on cognitive mapping/concept mapping, by retired teachers weekly once conducting in our school.

### Function and Celebrations



*Student Honoring the Venerables at Annual Day Celebrations*

- On 10<sup>th</sup> August the school gives a health camp for worm day conducted by the school.
- On 15<sup>th</sup> August 2017 Independence Day celebrated ven. Kumara bhanteji presided over the function and address the gathering. The chief guest of the day Sri S.K Sahai (BSF Commandant) delivered a speech on the importance of Independence day.
- On 25<sup>th</sup> September school was celebrated our most venerable Anand Bhanteji general secretary of Mahabodhi Society, Bangalore. On that occasion we distributed note books to the students and distributed some chocolates.
- On 17<sup>th</sup> December we celebrated annual sports as well as annual anniversary day on that occasion students are participated many games and quiz competition.
- On 28<sup>th</sup> December Block level game participated our students and over all the mahabodhi students' only first price got most of the games.
- On 16<sup>th</sup> January our branch teacher visited to our school for the better academic field and to promote the best academic running for our both branches.
- On 26<sup>th</sup> January we celebrate the Republic day with our students and guardians all the villagers.
- In March 2018 Children are appeared for the Annual examination for the academic session 2017-2018.



*Ven. Bhikhuni Thong Nienspeaking on the Annual School day.*



## FESTIVALS

Maha Bodhi Society has been celebrating all major Buddhist festivals in a meaningful way. So also every full moon day is celebrated with special chanting and meditation. Following are the reports of festivals and events celebrated during the year.

### **2561st Sacred Buddha Jayanti Celebration 2016 15-04-2016 to 21-04-2016**

2562nd Buddha Jayanti was celebrated on the sacred Vesakha Buddha Purnima day on Wednesday May 10th 2017. To commemorate the Three Great Events of Birth, Enlightenment and Mahaparinibbana of the Lord Buddha, Maha Bodhi Society Bengaluru organized various programs and Dana services to hospitals, old age homes, children Dhamma, Animal feeding and orphanage to spread the Dhamma of the Lord Buddha. The Sacred Buddha Jayanti was observed as Bodhi Saptaha- The Enlighten Week from Sunday 04th May 2017 to Saturday 10th May 2017.



*Bhagavan Buddha inside Loka Shanti Buddha Vihara*

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#### 04th May, Bodhi Sptaha Inauguration and Hospital Dana Service – Thursday:

Inauguration of Bodhi Saptaha- The enlightenment week was done at Maha Bodhi Society, Bengaluru on 04th May at 9:30 am by Most Venerable Kassapa Mahathera, President of Maha Bodhi Society with puja, meditation and Dhamma talk. The hospital dana service at Mahabodhi Burns centre at Victoria Govt Hospital was organized. Monks and lay devotees distributed fruits to the patients and also spoke and encourage them to face the challenges.



*MMI monks doing puja during the inauguration of Buddha Jayanti*



*Ven Kassapa Maha Thera giving talk on the inauguration day*



*Hospital dana on the first day of Bodhi Saptaha at Mahabodhi Hospital*



**05th May, Anatha Shishu Orphanage – Friday:**

The monks and member visited t the Anatha Shishu Orphanage to give them the teaching and daily usage material. It was a very meaningful program. The program was led by Ven Dhammaloka supported by Mr Nagasen Dhoke, Director of Bengaluru Metro.



*Children listening to Dhamma talk at Anatha Sishu Nivas*



*Distribution of daily needs and blanket at Anatha Sishu Nivas*

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### 10th May, Children Dhamma camp - Saturday:

One Day Children's Dhamma Camp by Maha Bodhi Society. Topics like Buddha Vandana, basic meditation, Buddhist storytelling and writing, Buddha painting competition and the significance of Buddhist holy objects and monuments were covered and participation certificates were distributed to 120 participants. Various volunteer Dhamma sevak helped to run different classes. We are grateful to all of them.



*Children listening to the life story of the Buddha*



*Young girl doing meditation*



*Participants listening to instruction*



*Children doing group meditation.*



**07th May, Dhamma discourse - Sunday:**

Special Sunday Dhamma talk and meditation program was organised. Ven Kassap Mahathare administrated the Sila and meditation. Guest monk Ven Vinayarakkhita delivered the Dhamma desana and late few publications were realized on the occasion.



*Ven Vinayarakkhita releasing a publication.*



*Devotees undertaking the 5 Precepts.*

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**10th May, Animal Service day - Monday:**

Animal Service day was organized Akhila Karnataka Pranidaya Sangha, Goshala, Koramangala. The program was led by Venerable Kassapa Mahathera, President of Maha Bodhi Society. Various animal and bird were fed on the day. Mahabodhi girls student from Mahabodhi lord Buddha college participated in the dana program.



*Animal Service day at Akhila Karnataka Pranidaya Sangha, Koramangala*



*MBS monk feeding the cows.*



*Feeding grains to pigeons*



**9th May, Kidwai Cancer Hospital Dana day- Tuesday:**

The Cancer patient's service day at Kidwai Institute of Oncology, Hosur Road, Bengaluru was organised like every year. Puja, blessing and Dhamma desana was given by Venerable Buddhadatta, Principle of Mahabodhi Monastic Institute, Bengaluru with other monks of Mahabodhi in presence of the Director of Kidway institute of oncology Dr. K B Lingegowda. Free Fruit and other need were distributed to the cancer patients.



*Shri Mavalli Shankar, Dr. Linge Gowda, Director of Kidwai Cancer Hospital and Venerable monks of MBS Giving a talks at Cancer Hospital.*



*Cancer patients listening to Dhamma talk.*



*Venerable monk distributing fruits packets to patients*



### 1st May, Vesak Buddha Purnima – Wednesday.

The seventh day was the Sacred Vesaka Purnima. The program started as early as 5 am by offering puja at Loka Shanti Vihara. At 10 am, Sanghadana was organized by the lay devotees. At 10:30 am the venerable Bhantes performed puja at Sri Mahabodhi, Vishwa Maitri Stupa, Siripada Cetiya. All the monks and lay devotees then gather at the main temple to light the candle. The Buddha puja and Vandana to triple Gems were offered. The lay devotees undertook Tisaran- the three refuges, Atthasila and Panchasila at Mahabodhi Loka Shanti Buddha Vihara, Bengaluru. Most venerable Kassapa Mahathera gives Dhamma Desana and blessing to the gathering. Thereafter Bhante Buddhadatta, Principal MMI elaborated the significant of Vesaka Purnima. Ven Dhammajyoti, Professor at Nava Nalanda Buddhist University Guest on the occasion also spoke meaningful teaching. Shri Vajubhai Rudhabhai Vala, H E the Governor of Karnataka gave special addressing to the gathering. He mentioned Bhagavan Buddha as the model of truth, non-violence and compassion. He encouraged all to follow the message of Bhagavan Buddha and help in to build a peaceful and better society. He thanked Maha Bodhi Society for inviting on this sacred occasion for the 2nd time.

At 1.30 pm the meals were offered to the devotees and the donation for the meals was given by Upasika Sheshamma in memory of her parents and Brother Shri A Raju and by Upasaka S Veerabhadraiah and family members.

From 2.30 to 4.30 pm the meditation programs, Dhamma discourses and Dhamma Deeksha were given to the devotees in the prayer hall. The program concluded at 7:30 pm at the Bodhi Tree where the monks, Upasakas and Upasikas performed the Paritta puja with hundreds of lamps and perfumes. The programs event concluded with the merits sharing with all living beings. We thank all the donors who have generously helped us to make these programs successful.

In addition to the Bodhi Saptaha program, 4 children's Dhamma and meditation courses and Pabbajja-temporary monkhood meditation course were also conducted at Mahabodhi Dhammaduta Vihara from April 1 to May 21, 2017.



*Flag decoration to Mahabodhi Loka Shanti Buddha Vihara*



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*Doing Puja on the Vesak Buddha Purnima*



*Most Ven Kassapa Maha Thera giving Dhamma talk to devotees*



*Honorable Governor of Karnataka Shri Vajubhai Vala with Ven Kassapa Maha Thera*



*Honorable Governor of Karnataka Shri Vajubhai Vala giving talk on Vesak day*



*Devotees listening to Dhamma Talks*



*Evening Puja and Dhamma talks under Bodhi tree.*



*Mahabodhi Vishwa Maitri Stupa decked in flower decoration during the Vesak purnima*

### **2606th Dhammacakka Pavattana Day Celebration- 9th July 2017.**

2606th Dhammacakka Pavattana Day was celebrated on 9 July 2017, at the premises of Mahabodhi Loka Shanti Buddha Vihara. Dhammacakka Pavattana day is a very important festival for the Buddhist all over the world. This is celebrated on the full moon of July every year. On this full moon day, Lord Buddha gave his first teaching, known as the Dhammacakka Pavattana Sutta or discourse on Setting in the motion of the Wheel of the Truth- Dhamma to the Pancavaggiya Bhikkhu, the first five disciple of the Lord Buddha. This discourse mention about avoiding the two extremes of indulgence in sense pleasure and self-mortification. The teaching also advices to practice the middle path, which is otherwise known as the Noble Eightfold Path, consisting of Eight factors namely Right View, Right Intention, Right Speech, Right Action, Right Livelihood, Right Effort, Right Mindfulness and Right Concentration. From this day till the full moon day of October, the monk observes the rain retreat or Vasa. During this period, the monks stay in one place, monastery and spend their time in various spiritual practices such as meditation and Dhamma study.

On 9th July 2017, the puja headed by Venerable Kassapa Maha Thera, the president Mahabodhi Society Bangalore along with the other Venerable monks, Upasakas and Upasikas from morning 9.00 am which was started under the Bodhi tree and Vishwa Maitri Stupa and then proceed to the Loka Shanti Buddha Vihara.

Then the chanting of the first sermon of Bhagavan Buddha Dhammacakka Pavattana Sutta was conducted by Venerable Monks and the discourse and blessings were given by Venerable Kassapa Maha Thera. After lunch continuous Dhamma discourses and meditation were conducted by Venerable monks. Hospital Dana service was organized at Mahabodhi burns center at Victoria Govt Hospital. At 6pm the monks undertook Vassa Vasa which is 3 months rainy retreat for the Venerable monks. The program concluded by evening chanting of Dhammacakka Pavattana Sutta with hundreds of lamp around the Sacred Bodhi Tree and Stupa and around the Vihara.



*Decoration of Bodhi Tree on Dhammacakka day.*



*Chanting Dhammacakka sutta by MMI*



*MBS monks lighting candles.*



*MMI monks giving fruits packets*

**BHAGVAN BUDDHA FOR WORLD PEACE:**

30 Bhagavan Buddha Rupa Statue Donation ceremony was conducted on 27th August 2017. Maha Bodhi Society in collaboration with Royal Thai Consulate General, Chennai donated the Buddha statues to 30 centers which include Buddhist temples in remote area, meditation center, and institutes in Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra.

The program on the day began at 9am with puja at Holy Bodhi tree, Vishwa Shanti Stupa and the procession to Loka Shanti Buddha Vihara. Puja extending homage to Triple Gems Buddha, Dhamma and Sangha was offered following with undertaking of 5 Sila, Panchasila by lay devotees. Ven Bhikkhu Nipon for Royal Thai Monastery, Bodhgaya was guest monks. The donation of statue to Maha Bodhi Society and the import from Thailand to India was all taken care by Mrs Krongkanit Rakcharoen, Consulate General of Royal Thai at Chennai. We are deeply grateful to her and team at Consulate of Thai, Chennai. Ven Ananda, General Secretary of MBS delivered talk on the significant of Buddha Statue and how to respectful and meaningful keep in the received centers. The Sanghadana lunch to the monks and to the lay devotees was offered by the Royal Thai Consulate General, Chennai. The program concluded at 2 pm.



*MBS monks doing puja to the new buddha statue before distribution.*

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*MBS monks receiving the Buddha rupa from the Consulate General of Thailand, Chennai.*



*The Buddha statues donation program*



*Receiving Buddha statues with certificate from Ven. Nipon Bhante - Thai Monk and Ven Dhammaloka.*



### SMARANANJALI

Remembrance Day: 4rd Death Anniversary of Most Ven Dr Acharya Buddharakkhita from 22nd September to 25th September 2016.

22nd September 2017, the program was organized at Mahabodhi Dhammaduta Vihara, Narasipura. It is a retreat center of Mahabodhi and it was in this place the most Ven Acharya Buddharakkhita's mortal remains were consigned to flames. At 7 am, 3 buses left from Maha Bodhi Society, Gandhinagar to Mahabodhi Dhammaduta Vihara, Narasipura. Senior Venerable Monks from various center of MBS came together to remember Most Ven Acharya Buddharakkhita. The program began at 9 am by gathering at Bodhi Rasmi Pagoda to pay homage to Bada Bhanteji. Vandana was offered to the Bodhi Prakara and Dhammavaddham Sima. Mediation and Dhamma talks were conducted by Most Venerable Kassapa Bhanteji, President MBS and Ananda Bhanteji, General Secretary MBS. Thereafter Sanghadana was arranged at 11:15 am by the devotees to all the monks. Later devotees had lunch. After lunch from 2 pm to 4 pm, meditation session was conducted by monks inside the Pagoda and in the temple. The buses return after a tea break at 5 pm to Bengaluru city. At 6 pm, special evening puja with 1008 candles was dedicated to Bada Bhanteji.



*MBS monks going around the Pagoda remembering Ven Acharya Buddharakkhita at Meditation center.*

23rd September 2016, marked the 4th death anniversary of Most Venerable Acharya Buddharakkhita, the founder of Mahabodhi Organization and a great Dhammaduta of modern times. On this occasion various spiritual activities were organized in memory of Ven. Acharya Buddharakkhita.

On 23rd September at 9 am, all the monks and lay devotees gathered at the Satipatana Kuti. The program began with Acharya Vandana, paying home to Bada Bhanteji, Most Venerable Acharya Buddharakkhita at his kuti and the bronze statue of Bada Bhanteji. After paying homage all the monks proceeded to the Sacred Bodhi Tree and did Sutta chanting followed by going around the Vishwa Maitri Stupa. The devotees respectfully received all the monks to the main temple. After lighting the lamps, all offered puja to the sacred Triple Gems. The lay devotees undertook the Atthasila and

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Pancasila. Meditation and Dhamma discourse was given by Venerable Ananda Bhanteji. It was followed by 'Remembering Bada Bhante' talk by Most Venerable Kassapa Mahathera, President of Maha Bodhi Society, Bengaluru. Kassapa Bhanteji told about the life of Bada Bhanteji and asked people to focus on practice of Dhamma taking Bada Bhante as a role model. Later Venerable Panyarakhita, Ven Panyaloka and other senior monks member of MBS also spoke and shared the memory with Bada Bhanteji. At 11:15 am Sanghadana was offered to the Monks by devotees and later at 12:30 lunch was also offered to all devotees.

Afternoon program at 2 pm, the Heritage of Enlightenment Film on the life of Ven Dr Acharya Buddharakkhita and History of Maha Bodhi Society, Bengaluru was shown to the gathering. At 3 pm, the monks and devotee gathered at SMARANANJALI Museum to offer respect to Bada Bhanteji and to reflect on the life of Bada Bhanteji by seeing the Photographs displayed. At 4 pm, Hospital Dana service was organized at the Victoria Hospital lead by Venerable with other monks and devotees. Simultaneously at Maha Bodhi Society, the distribution of prizes for Painting competition on Life of Bada Bhanteji was given to the monks participants. At 6 pm, the day concluded under the Sacred Bodhi Tree with special evening puja dedicated to Bada Bhanteji by offering 1008 candles and merits. All the monks and devotees performed the merit sharing. We are deeply grateful to all the donors and supporter for their donation and time. .



*MBS monks doing puja at Bodhi Tree.*



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*MBS monks going around the Stupa .*



*Packing fruits for hospital Dana service.*



*“One who serves the sick, Serves me” said the Buddha. MBS monks follow this spirit.*

#### **Pavarana Ceremony, 5th October 2017.**

On October 05, 2017, Pavarana Ceremony was organized at Mahabodhi Loka Shanti Buddha Vihara. Pavarana Ceremony is done at the end of the three months of Rains' Retreat, which the monks undertake and at the conclusion of the Rains' Retreat, the Pavarana is organized. The monks gather in the morning and request each other invoking reproach for any mistake made by them. This is a wonderful method given by the Lord Buddha where monks voluntarily ask each other get admonition so that they continue to progress in the Holy Life. Monks in the Mahabodhi Loka Shanti Buddha Vihara performed this ceremony in the morning and then they gathered at the Dhamma Hall. Upasakas and Upasikas were also present at the Dhamma Hall. The monks performed the chanting and meditation and Dhamma Discourse. Later special Atthasila was also offered to interested lay Upasaka and Upasika and then Panchasila was undertaken by the rest of the devotees. The program was concluded with Metta Chanting. Later Sanghadana was offered to the monks.

#### **Kathina Chivara Dana Ceremony, 8th October 2017.**

The Kathina festival is a major observance of Theravada Buddhism. It is a time for laypeople to offer robes and other necessities to the monastic Sangha. Kathina takes place every year in the four weeks following the end of Vassa, the rains retreat.

The Kathina festival was organized on 8th October, 2017 at Maha Bodhi Society, Bengaluru. 2017. Kathina Chivara was offered from Royal Kingdom of Thailand by H M King Maha Vajiralongkorn Bodindradebayavarangkun. This was his first ever Kathina offering as a King of Royal Thailand. The Ambassador of Royal Thailand to India H E Mr Chutintorn Gongsakdi and The Consulate General of Thailand, Chennai Mrs Krongkanit Rakcharoen and her team officer was present to offer the Kathina on behalf of Royal King. Many other Thai officer and lay devotees living in Bengaluru participated. There were 23 Senior Bhikku monks and 120 novice monks, who have undertaken the rain retreat at Mahabodhi Buddha Vihara Bengaluru. Hundreds of lay devotees from south India and other part came to offer the auspicious chivara and to witness the program.



The program started at 9 am in procession towards the Sacred Bodhi Tree and to Vishwa Shanti Stupa by going around and chanting the Sutta by monks. The procession continued to the Main Dhamma Hall at Maha Bodhi Loka Shanti Buddha Vihara. The lay devotees welcomed the monks by standing on both sides outside the Dhamma hall chanting Sadhu. The monks offered veneration to the Triple Gems and chanted the Paritta suttas. Three refuges with Atthasila and Panchaseela were undertaken by lay Upasaka and Upasikas. The sila was administered by most venerable Kassapa Mahathera President of Maha Bodhi Society. There after Dhammadesana on the topic Kathina and its significant with story was explain by Venerable Ananda Bhanteji, General Secretary of MBS. The benefits of Katina civara, why should lay offer the Katina Civara, what is the significant of coming to vihara and observe higher sila was explain by Most Venerable Pamokha Bhanteji from Myanmar. At 10:45 am the Katina Civara to Bhikkhus, Samaneras and Anagarikas was offered by H E Mr Chutintorn Gongsakdi the Ambassador of Thailand to India. The civara and other monastic requisites were offered to each and every monk. Later the entire lay devotees participant was given the opportunity of offering civara and other monastic requisite to all the gather Sangha. Mother Park Chung Soo, Won Buddhism Nun from South Korea was the special guest of the occasion. The community from Mug and other North East offer the money tree with great devotion to the gather Sangha. At 11 Lunch Sanghadana was offered following with lunch for all the lay participant at 12 o'clock. After the lunch Dhamma discourse was delivered by Ven Ananda in Kannada language and later by Ven Sugatananda in English in the Dhamma Hall. In the evening monks again performed Puja and meditation then they performed Bodhi and Stupa Puja and the Mahabodhi Loka Shanti Buddha Vihara was lighted with lamps.



*MBS monks doing puja*

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*Blessing the devotes on Katina Festival day.*



*The Ambassador of Thailand, H.E. Chutintorn Gongsakdi preparing to offer the Katina civara.*



*The Ambassador offering Katina Civara to the Sangha on behalf of the new king of Thailand.*



*Ven Kassapa Maha Thera wearing the Katina civara is blessing the gathering.*



*Lay devotees listening to the Dhamma talk.*



*The Ambassador and the Consulate General of Thailand and the officers during the Katina Festival*

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*Mother Park Chung Soo, Korea, greeting the MBS monks*



*Devotees offering Dana to MBS monks*



*Devotes offering dana to Nun teachers*



*North East devotees offering the traditional Kalpataru - money tree*



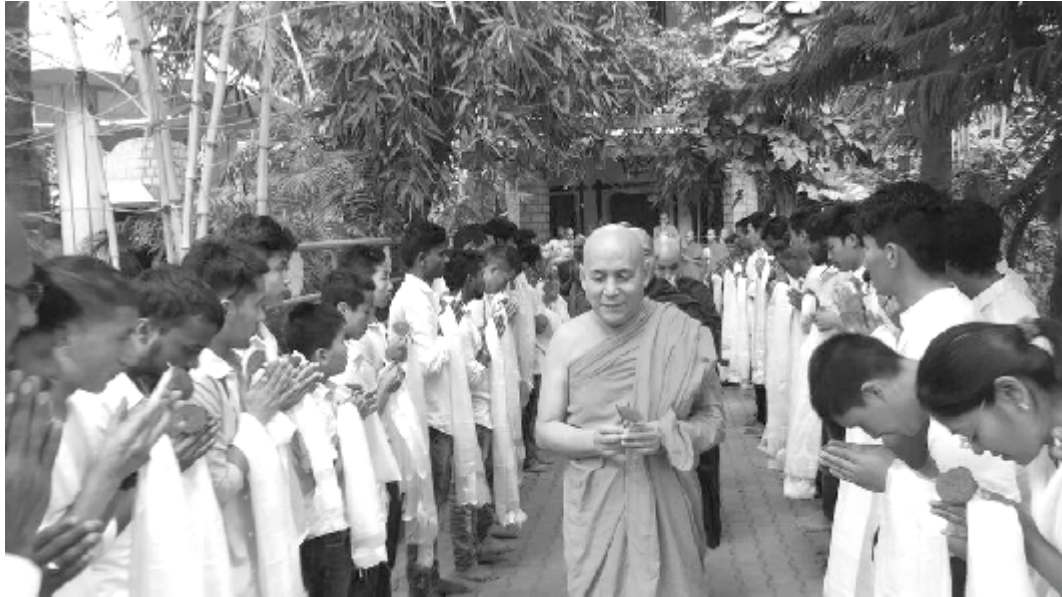
*Devotees seeking blessing at the conclusion of the event.*

**ACHARYA VANDANA AND REUNION PROGRAM FOR OLD STUDENT:**

Paying Homage to Teacher, Acharya Vandana. Lord Buddha has highly appreciated one who pays respect to the teacher, specially the Dhamma teacher. Gratitude is a sign of progress on the path of spirituality. The Acharya Vandana day was observed on 4th January 2018. The program was organized by the monk's student of Mahabodhi Monastic Institute and the old lay student of Mahabodhi Carla Student home, Mysuru. The program started at 9am with the offering of Vandana to our beloved Dhamma guru Most Ven Acharya Buddhakkhita's statue with flower and candles. The puja at Bodhi and Stupa was offered by going around in procession. The lay student followed the monks. A group of lay student decorated the walking path with flower and welcomed the monk to the main Dhamma hall by standing in line chanting Sadhu! Buddha puja was offered following with undertaking of precepts. A nice sitting arrangement facing the student was prepared and the teacher monks were invited to take the seats. Later few monks student express their gratitude to teacher by



dedication speeches. The same opportunity was also taken by lay old students of MBS to express their heart felt gratitude and respect toward the Monk teacher. Who have been no less important any parents in student life. Various presents were offered to the monks teachers and lay teachers. The program concluded at 11:30 am by chanting the blessing sutta by the elderly monks. Lunch Sanghadana was offered by the gather students to all the monks.



*Students welcoming Ven Kassapa Maha Thera for the Achariya Vandana.*

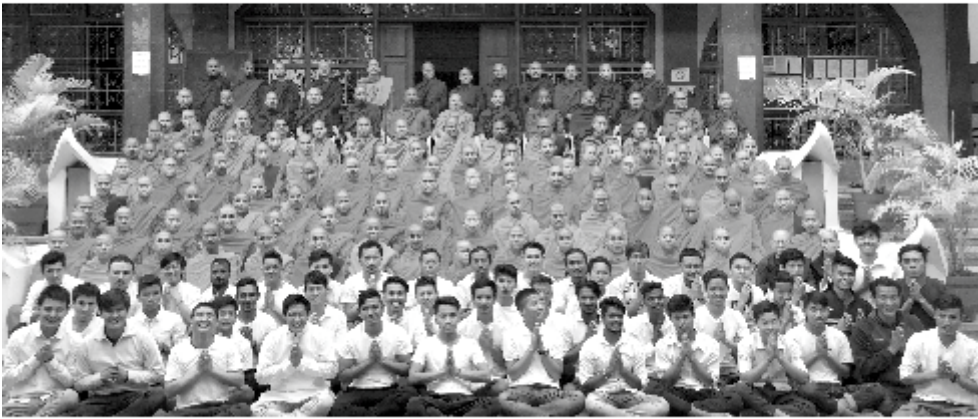


*Students waiting to receive the Venerable monks.*



*Students undertaking the panchasila.*

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**ALUMNI REUNION 2017 MAHABODHI CARLA STUDENT HOME**

*Group photo of MMI Teacher, students and Mysuru students*

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### **UPASAMPADA ORDINATION DAY AT DHAMMA VADDHANI SIMA AT MEDITATION CENTER, NARASIPURA**

On 2nd January 2018, the first bhikkhu ordination at Dhamma vaddhani Sima at Mahabodhi Meditation center Dhammaduta Vihara was conducted for 3 Samanera monks. Most Ven Nyaneinda, an elderly senior monk from Myanmar residing at Bodhgaya was present to preside over the ceremony. Most Ven Nyanadhaja from Myanmar led the ceremony who is very experienced monk. The program began at 9 am at the Sima. Sima means boundaries. In the Theravada practice Sima is very sacred place used for a variety of monastic purposes like the ordination Upasamapda, Patimokha recitation twice a month and used for important discussion to resolve monastic issues.

On this auspicious occasion Maha Upasika Monica Thaddey offered generous support for the Mahabodhi Bodhgaya project, dedicated to Most Ven Kassapa Mahathera and Most Ven Ananda expressing deep gratitude for their services to the vision of Maha Bodhi Society and Late Ven Acharya Buddharakkhita. The ceremony concluded at 11 am. The Bhikkhu monks blessed the participating devotes from Switzerland and India. Most of the participants donated for the Mahabodhi Bodhgaya project. The collective donation was about 85 lakhs rupees. Sanghadana was offered at 11:30 am and later lunch for all lay devotes.



*Monk candidates taking instructions before the higher ordination ceremony*



*Bhikkus reciting the kammavaca for higher ordination.*



*Devotees and Students donating for Mahabodhi Bodhgaya project.  
Nearly One Crore rupees was collected so far*



*Devotees offered dana to the sangha*

## **Dhammapada Festival**

**97th Birthday of Most Ven. Acharya Buddharakkhita**

**01 March 2017 to 04 March 2017**

The 97th Birthday of Late Venerable Dr Acharya Buddharakkhita, the Founder President of Maha Bodhi Society was celebrated as Dhammapada Festival like every year during the full moon of March, 2018. The event was observed for 4 days by organizing several spiritual, intellectual, and humanitarian. Late Venerable Dr Acharya Buddharakkhita, foundly known as Bada Bhanteji by his monastic and lay followers alike, was greatly inspired by the immensely profound and yet simple words of spirituality contained in Dhammapada, as uttered by the Supremely Enlightened Buddha and decided to become a Buddhist monk. In memory of this event, we started celebrating Dhammapada Festival on his birthday, which is the full moon day in the month of March. This tradition is being kept alive by his followers after his passing away in order to commemorate his noble legacy and also to spread the word of Dhamma to all sections of society.

1st March 2018- At 9:30 am, the monks gathered for Achariya Vandana and proceeded to Bodhi Tree and to Vishwa Shanti Stupa. The lay devotees were waiting outside the temple to welcome the monks by standing on both sides chanting Sadhu! The lighting of lamp and Buddha puja was offered inside the Maha Bodhi Loka Shanti Buddha Vihara. Undertaking of Uposatha Precepts and Five Sila was administrated by Most Venerable Kassapa Mahathera. There after Dhammadesan and Blessing by Most Venerable Kassapa Mahathera. Venerable B Sri Sranankara Naya Maha Thero, the Chief Monk of Malaysia incumbent chief monk of Sri Lankan Temple, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia was the chief guest monk. He delivered the keynote Dhamma discourse on the occasion. Later he inaugurated the Foundation Laying for Mahabodhi Bodhgaya Center. Most Venerable Vinayarakkhita Thera of Lokaratna Buddha Vihara released the Tipitaka Volume Samyutta Nikaya and its Kannada Translation. He also briefly explained the significant of Tipitaka. Shri S S Ramdas, Sundarswamy and Ramdas Advocates Law firm was the lay chief guest of the occasion. Many English and Kannada publication was also released on this auspicious occasion.

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- 1 Tipitaka Volume Samyutta Nikaya and its Kannada Translation.
- 2 The Law of Kamma and Rebirth
- 3 Manual of Buddhist Devotional Practice
- 4 The life of most Ven Acharya Buddharakkhita
- 5 Dhammapada Tamil translation.

Sanghadana offering of lunch for monks was conducted at 11:15 am followed by lunch for devotees at 12:15 pm. The lunch on the occasion was sponsored by Ms Barbara Thaddey, Mr Nagsen Dhoke, Ms Gautami and Mr Jitendra Jha. At 1 pm Dhamma discourse and meditation was conducted. At 3pm, various Monastic and educational material were offered by most Ven B Sri Saranankara Nayaka Maha Thero to the monks and to Mahabodhi school in Mysuru. Dhammapada verses was recited from 3: 30 pm till 5 pm. The day concluded with offering of light and puja under the sacred Bodhi Tree.



*Inauguration of the construction work for Bodhgaya project on the birthday of Late Venerable Acharya Buddharakkhita by Ven. Saranankara Maha Thera, Chief monk of Malasia.*



*Lights and flower offering at Bodhi tree.*

2nd March 2018- Two separated program was organized. Most Ven Ananda, General Secretary of Maha Bodhi Society conducted a workshop on stress management while discharging police duties at the Police Training School, Channapattana to 400 police trainee. The program was inaugurated by most Ven Ariyavamsa from Myanmar. A short 1 hour Vipassana meditation class was conducted to the police by Mr Shivaraj. The program was presided by She M Puttamadhiah, IPS Principal, Police Training School, Channapattana .

The other program was Hospital Dana service at Kidwai Cancer Hospital, Hosur Road. The monks of Mahabodhi distributed fruits to 700 cancer patients. They also encourage and taught simple method to deal the mental disease and prayed for faster recovery. The program was led by Ven Dhammacitta, Superintendent, Mahabodhi Monastic Institute. The Dana was sponsored by Mr Nagsen Dhoke and Jitendra Jha.



*Meditation classes to Karnataka police trainees  
at Police Training School, Channapattana.*

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*Ven Ananda conducting meditation class for police trainees.*



*Distribution of Bhagavan Buddha images to police.*



*MBS monks giving fruit packets to cancer patients.*



*MBS monks giving gifts to child cancer patients.*



*Distribution of fruits at children block, Kidwai Cancer hospital.*

3rd March 2018- the program was organized at Mahabodhi Dhammaduta Vihara, Narasipura Village, North Bengaluru, 27 km away from the Bengaluru city. The travel facility was organized by buses at 7:30 am and return by 6 pm. A full day puja and meditation program was organized at the sacred Bodhi Rasmi Pagoda led by the Most Venerable Kassapa Mahathera, President of Maha Bodhi Society, Bengaluru with 100 monks from Mahabodhi Monastic Institute.

4th March 2018- Inter Religious Seminar on Dhammapada- The path to peace was organized at Mahabodhi Community Hall, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru-09. The program started at 11am with Inauguration by Pujya Swami Nishthatmananda, Ramakrishnan Math, Halasuru, Bengaluru with leader of other religious faith by offering lamp to the Buddha. The Moderator for the event was Mr B



V Rajaram. Follow leaders from different religious present their speech starting with Pujya Swami Nishthatmananda, Ramakrishnan Math, Halasuru, Bengaluru who spoke about the mind and self. Father Jose Nandhikkara representing Christianity from Dharmaram Vidya Kshetram Bengaluru praise the activities of Mahabodhi, shared his meaningful meeting with Ven Acharya Buddharakkhita in the past. He learnt about the Dhammapada from him. He spoke on few verses from Dhammapada and made comparison to Bible and Christianity path. Shri Ramesh present papers on behalf of Jainism – Shwethambar Jain Mandala. Shri Asim Jehangir from Ahmadiyya Muslim Mission represented Islam and spoke about Islam and peace and also used some saying from Dhammapada and Quran. Venerable Tenzin Tharpa, American Buddhist Monks spoke on behalf of Mahayana Buddhist tradition. The event was presided by Venerable Kassapa Maha Thera and also express thanks to all the speakers from presenting the papers on Dhammapada a path of peace. 2 publication was released on the occasion with the following titles

1. Life's Great Blessing by Ven. Acharya Buddharakkhita
2. Dhamma Prabhandhagalu by Ven K Shri Dhammananda (Kannada Translation)

The programs concluded with the thanks giving memento to all the speakers and with sharing of merits and peace chanting to all living beings. The celebration of 4 days Dhammapada festival in memory of Ven Acharya Buddharakkhita, founder president of Maha Bodhi Society, Bengaluru was very meaningful and successful celebration touching many beings with love, compassion and joy. The event bought hope of peace and happiness and many were deeply benefited with the precious teaching of the Supreme Bhagavan Buddha.



*Inauguration of inter religious seminar on Dhammapada- A Path to Peace.  
at Maha Bodhi Society, Bengaluru*



*Religious leaders called for harmonious living and mutual respect.*



*MBS emphasize metta, inter religious co-operation among its devotees*

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*Ven Tenzin Tharpa, American Buddhist monk sharing his thoughts.*



*Ven Kassapa Mahathera presenting gifts to the speaker of Islam.*



*Evening puja and meditation under the Holy Bodhi tree.*



## MAHABODHI ASSOCIATES

For any organization to grow there is a need of immense participation of people individually or collectively. One of the most important achievements of Most Venerable Acharya Buddharakkhita Bhanteji is the concern and compassion for people which made him to interact with people and help them solve problems. This Dhamma outreach method is followed even today and by the blessings of Bada Bhanteji, we have wonderful people as devotees and supporters of Mahabodhi.

We are deeply grateful to all the people who are serving the cause of Mahabodhi in one way or the other. Many people from all over India as well as from different parts of the world are together with us in serving the humanity through different activities.

Especially we are grateful to Ms.Monica Thaddey of Switzerland who is supporting immensely through her meditation, merit sharing and metta everyday for the development of Mahabodhi, apart from her magnanimous contributions. We are thankful to so many people in different countries who have formed groups for Mahabodhi and have been very supportive. So we would like to place on record our gratitude to the following organizations and their members:

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2. Deutch Buddhistische Humanitaere Vereinigung, e.V. Germany
3. Mahabodhi Karuna, Belgium
4. Association Mahabodhi Karuna, France
5. Mahabodhi Metta Charitable Fund, USA.

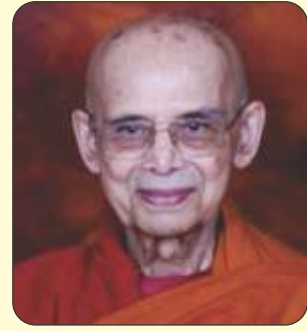
May all our supporters and well wishers be happy and well! May the blessings of the Triple Gem and compassion of our founder Most Venerable Acharya Buddharakkhita Bhanteji surround the lives of all our supporters with good health and peace of mind, happiness and progress on the path of Nibbana!

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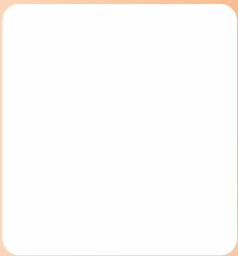
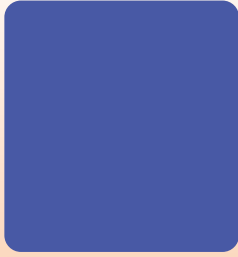
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