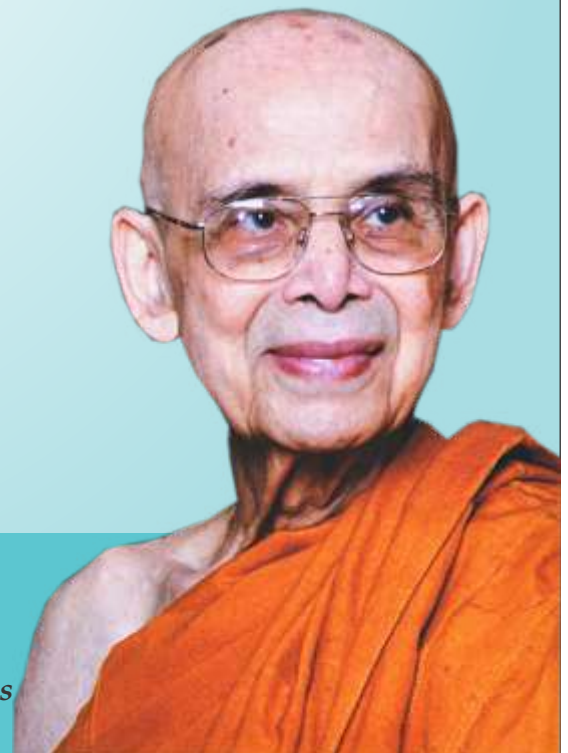




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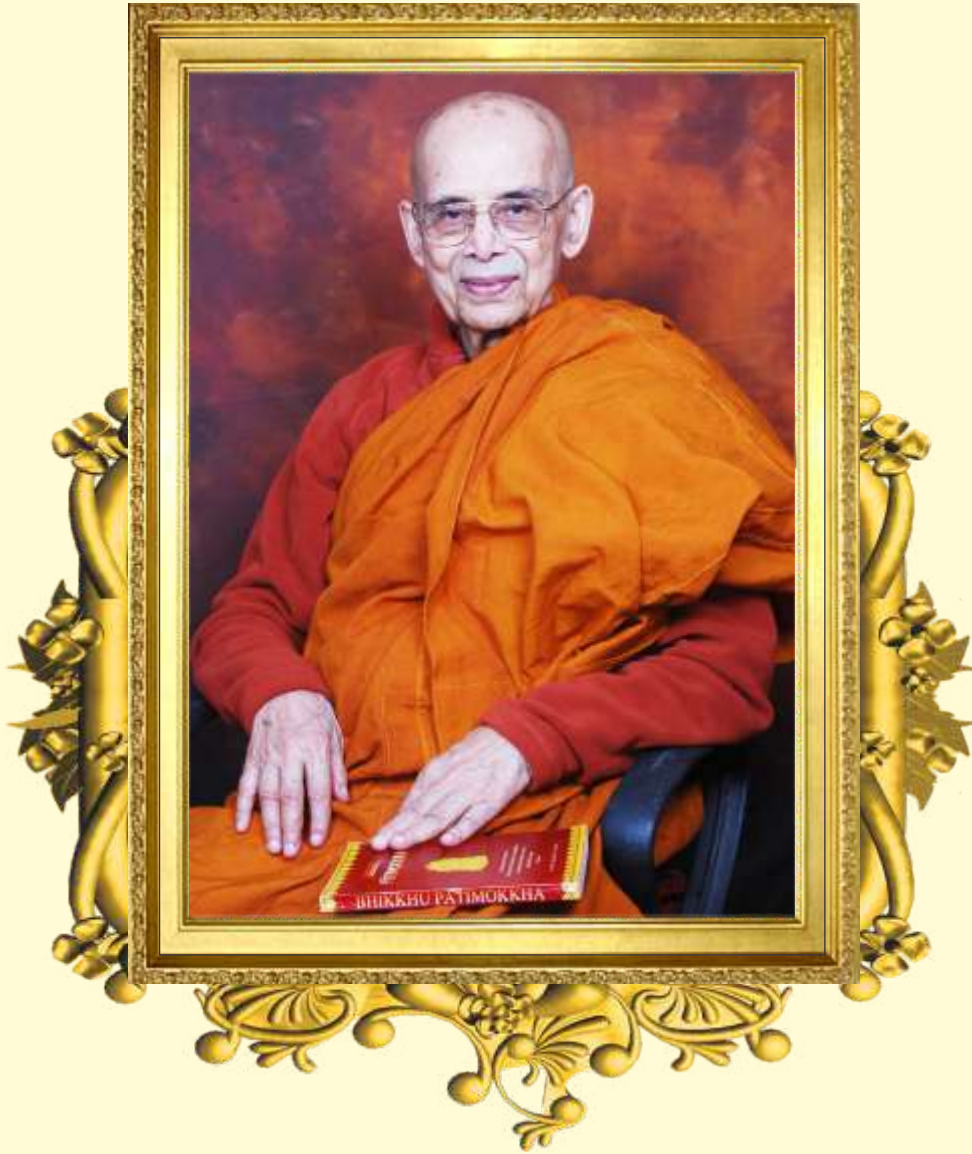
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Annual Report 2018-2019



*A Charitable Organization founded
by the Most Venerable Acharya Buddharakkhita
in 1956, dedicated to Buddha Sāsana and serving the needy,
sick and deserving people through spiritual and humanitarian programs*

Founder President



Venerable Dr. Acharya Buddharakkhita

Abhidhaja Aggamaha Saddhammajotika
Founder of Mahabodhi Organisations



Namo tassa Bhagavato Arahato Sammasambuddhassa

MAHA BODHI SOCIETY BENGALURU

Annual Report

1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019

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 Buddharakkhita 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.

Following is the report of the activities of the Maha Bodhi Society (MBS) during the year 2018-2019 i.e. 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019.



Buddha Statue at Mahabodhi Loka Shanti Buddha Vihara was reonvated



A portrait of
Venerable Dr Acharya Buddharakkhita
Founder President of MBS and
sister organizations



Annual General gathering of MBS Monastics



MAHABODHI BANGALORE ACTIVITIES

Annual Report 2018-19

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 for monks 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. The practical part of the Dhamma is one of the most important part of the training program.



All MBS Bhikkhus in front of Maha Bodhi Loka Shanti Buddha Vihara, Bengaluru



Monks assemble in line for daily puja before going to classes



MMI successfully completed its session 2018-19. During the year there were 112 students and 11 teachers. Following are the subjects taught in MMI:

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



MMI students in a class room

The daily schedule constituted intensive study, work and practice programs as it can be seen from the time table. Apart from other activities there were three periods in the morning session and three periods in the afternoon session. There were all together 11 teachers during this Academic year, including both monks and lay teachers. We had visiting teachers from Myanmar. Five monks from Myanmar who are experts in Pali, Buddhist ethics and psychology taught in the institute and enlightened our monks. Four teachers taught general subjects like language, computer science, social science, Indian history and culture. Many volunteers too gave their service and we are very grateful about it.

Brief report on Annual activities happened for the year 2018-19

Visiting Monks:

Apart from regular teachers there were guest monks from Mahabodhi branches and from various countries abroad such as Thailand, Burma, USA and Sri Lanka, who took classes for the monks and shared their Dhamma knowledge.



Bhikkhu Bodhi with monks at Carla home

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.

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.

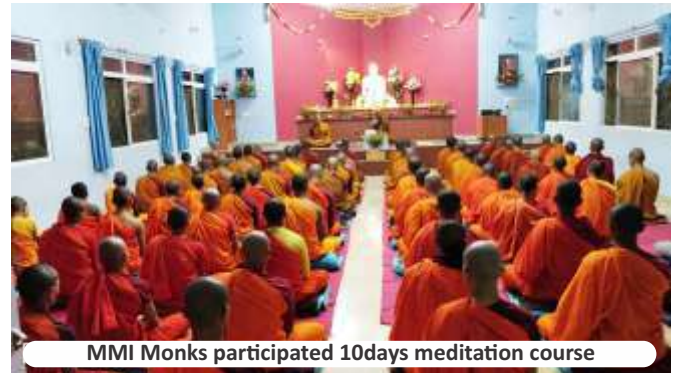


Daily puja & meditation at MBS Bengaluru



Meditation program:

Mediation is the heart of a monk's life. Learning without practice becomes only an intellectual activity whereas learning along with meditation helps to grow wisdom. Each class was sent to our Dhammaduta Center for a week for meditation practice and pindapata. Ven Kassapa 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, 25 MMI monks have participated in 10 days Vipassana Meditation at the Mahabodhi Dhammaduta Vihara. Vipassana teacher Venerable Dhammika from Sri Lanka conducted the monk's course. Every participant expressed a positive response after the course. An intensive meditation course for all the monks were conducted in the month of November by Venerable Visuddhananda Bhante from Sri Lanka. Every day the monks went to villages to collect alms, being a very important part of monastic life. We are grateful to yall the meditation teachers who took great pain in training all the monk students. Many monks were deeply encouraged to meditate.



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 where they conducted Dhamma talks, Pabbajja and meditation courses for villagers, thereby inspiring them to take up further Dhamma practice. Temporary Pabbajja programs were conducted in Mysore, Arunachal Pradesh and Tripura.



Monks after Higher ordination programme



Children Pabbajja programme during Buddha Jayanti

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 various Hospitals to distributed fruits to patients. They also spoke to them and taught them the words of Buddha. This program continues throughout the year.



Hospital dana service on full moon day in Bengaluru

Art and Craft projects:

Skillful in arts and handicrafts is indeed a blessing. MMI has not lacked behind in this department. From time to time monks are 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.

Acharya Puja:

Respecting the Dhamma teacher is an important culture in MMI. Keeping in line with the ancient tradition, Acharya Puja is 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.



Students paying gratitude teachers on teacher's day

Summer camps:

There was a month-long summer camp organized as a holiday program. Mental exercises like Dhamma quiz, debates among others were conducted. Creative competitions like drawing, clay 1 and similar activities were also there. Indoor games were organized. The students participated actively in the program and were awarded with prizes.

Educational Tour:

During the end of whole year of study, a trip was organized for the monks to Mysore. Also, all the monks travelled to Hyderabad in four batches as part of their study tour program. They visited many Buddhist historical sites such as Nagarjuna Sagar and other prominent places in Hyderabad, including the great Buddha Statue at Hussain Sagar Lake and Holy Relics of Lord Buddha at Hyderabad Museum and learnt many new things.



Monks visited Musieum at Bengaluru



Educational tour for Monks in Hyderabad

**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 the duration of one year. Pariyatti Majjhima and Pariyatti Uttama: Degree course in Buddhist studies with a duration of two years and equivalent to Bachelors degree.



Monks during a library class at MRC, Bangalore

Extra-Curricular Activities:

Gardening, decorations, water management, 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.

Food:

The monks were provided with wholesome, simple 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 necessary to maintain good health so that one's spiritual pursuit is not disturbed. Many a time, donations were made by lay people who offered lunch or breakfast to the Sangha.

Health Care:

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

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 were around 25 monks. They are also provided with a shelf to keep their robes, books, etc.

Expenses:

The average expense per month per monk is Rs. 3500/- for food and essential items. Education, clothing, medicine, books and stationery are part of extra expenses. The contribution is made from the Venerable Acharya Buddharakkhita Foundation to provide Monastic Requisites and the rents from the Sevakshetra 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. We are happy to inform that many devotees are coming forward to offer dana. However, there still is a substantial shortage and we request one and all to ensure that the monks have enough support to strive for their spiritual practice and continue teaching Dhamma to the lay people for the benefit of one and all.

**Time Table:**

A suitable time table has been formulated for the integrated development of the monks. The time table is as follows.

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

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

Teaching Staff:

During this academic session 11 teachers 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 Manual of Abhidhamma
17. English (NCERT books)
18. Hindi Language (NCERT books)
19. Kannada Language book

**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 7:15 a.m. to 08:00 a.m. all the monks assemble for discussing daily issues, work and studies. It serves also a 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.

**Admission of New Students:**

During the current year 20 new students were admitted to the institute and few of them left for 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 a total sum of Rs. 5 crores. At present the corpus stands at Rs. 1.08 crore. 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

It is the effort of deep research and far vision of most Ven. Dr. Acharya Buddharakkhita Bada Bhanteji in order to give systematic and well formulated Buddhist education as widely as possible to both monastic and lay people in today's modern world. Study and practice of Buddhism will help a person to live a meaningful life and progress towards freedom from suffering and thereby enlightenment.



Kannada Dhamma books releasing from Monks & devotees

Started in the year 2017, MRC is affiliated with the esteemed Karnataka Samskrit University, Bengaluru to run different courses in Theravada Buddhism. Under the Directorship of Ven Bhikkhu Buddhadatta, 1-year Diploma, 6-month Pali certificate course have been started from academic year 2018-19. Doctorate programs (Ph.D.) are being conducted for research scholars under Tumkur University, Tumkur.

Students of Research Centre course will be awarded Govt recognized Diploma certificate and are eligible for higher Buddhist studies. Besides, the academic courses, MRC has a well-equipped library to its credit. The monthly Dhamma magazine (both in English and Kannada languages) are being published under the MRC. Kannada Tripitaka Granthamala project, to translate the entire Pali Tipitaka from its original language, Pali to Kannada, have been taken up and 29 volumes have been translated successfully till date.

Diploma and certificate course in Theravada Buddhist Studies:

For a long time, a need of higher Buddhist studies program has been required. Towards that end, Mahabodhi Research Centre started one-year Diploma and 6-month certificate courses from the academic year 2018-19 to fulfill the growing need of higher Buddhist study programs. After the course was launched, a number of students



Diploma classes at mbs research center

showed keen interest to join the program; 32 students (both lay and monastics) took the admission and have appeared for the exam successfully in June 2019. Government certificate under Karnataka Samskrit University will be awarded to the successful candidates who have completed the course at Mahabodhi Research Centre. We hope that the number of candidates will increase during this current academic year as well.

Research Scholars and Ph.D. programs:

Apart from Diploma course, Doctorate programs and research work on Buddhist studies is going on. After completion of their Ph.D., these students will become invaluable resource in future for establishing Bhagavan Buddha University of Pali and Theravada Buddhism as envisioned by Bada Bhanteji.

**Classes and experienced faculty and teachers:**

Regular classes for Diploma and certificates courses have been conducted in the weekends by experienced and learned faculty members (both monks and lay people). Four monk lecturers and 3 lay lecturers took the classes during this academic year. From time to time, for the Ph.D. research scholars, their respective guides continue to monitor the assignment and course work.

Seminars and symposiums:

Seminars and symposiums are the essential part of academia. Therefore, MRC has conducted 4 seminars and 1 symposium during the last year. Well known scholars in Buddhism and inter-religious disciplinarians were invited to present research papers. Both research scholars and diploma students were immensely benefitted by inputs and presentation at the seminars. Ven. Bhikkhu Pamokkho, as part of his research, attended a national level conference at Gulbarga University on field work and archeology jointly organized by Kuvempu University, Shimoga and Tumkur University, Tumkur.



Ven Kassapa giving memento to VC of Saamskrit university
Prof. Padma Shekar



Venerable Pamokkho Bhante presenting paper

Mahabodhi Library – The Sangayana have been revamped and redesigned with new furniture, study tables, chairs and racks. The library is unique in the sense that it hosts the valuable Sacred Tipitaka both in Pali and English translation. More than 9000 books and titles in different languages are in the library for the readers. Every month new arrivals- magazines, journals, periodicals are added to the storehouse of knowledge to the library. A serious reader will find immense resources from the huge collection of Mahabodhi library. Positive ideas and initiatives being are taken to increase library membership.

Publications -Dhamma Magazine (English and Kannada):

English monthly Dhamma magazine, wherein some of the best Dhamma articles are published was started by Bada Bhanteji who himself was the chief editor for decades. Even today the magazine continues to publish with the same spirit without any gap. Under MRC publication section, the magazine is getting its grip to reach maximum reader in locally and globally. For local readers, Kannada bi-monthly magazine is getting published once in two months and has been benefitting hundreds of people in Karnataka.



Library with new chairs & table

Relation with the university and visitors:

MRC is working in collaboration with Karnataka Samskrit University and Tumkur University, whereby maintaining good academic relations with the abovementioned universities by conducting seminars, conferences and lectures in its campus. Vice-Chancellor of KSU Smt. Padmashekar visited and presented a paper on occasion of Dhammapada festival.

Kannada Tipitaka Project - Translation of Pali Tipitaka in Kannada:

Translation of Pali Tipitaka into Kannada is going on in full swing. A group of dedicated scholarly translators headed by senior Upasaka and co-coordinator Dr. B. V. Rajaram have been doing the translation work sincerely. We are grateful to Government of Karnataka for supporting the translation project.

Also, the following books were published in Kannada last year:

1. Samyutta Nikaya - Vol: 3
(Khandavagga)
2. Anguttara Nikaya Vol: 1, 2 & 7

Telugu Tipitaka Project - Translation of Pali Tipitaka in Telugu:

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

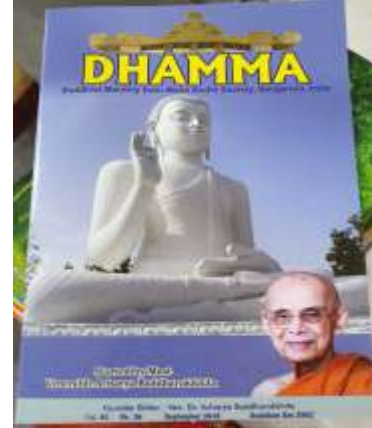
During the year the following books were published in Telugu:

1. Theragatahalu – Translated by Thiyyagura Sitaramareddy
2. Digha Nikaya Volume 3 – Translated by Ven. Bhikkhu Dhammarakkhita

Social Activities:

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

During the year several Sanghadana were organized at the Vihara, where lay people came and offered lunch to 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 were invited for reciting Paritta chanting on the occasion of the inauguration of the new house, birthdays, anniversaries, death ceremonies, etc. Mahabodhi monks have conducted these programs very effectively to the satisfaction of the devotees. This has led to a very harmonious relationship between lay people and monks at Mahabodhi.



Kannada Tipitaka Book is being released during Buddha Jayanti

**Mahabodhi Book Center:**

Maha Bodhi Society, Bengaluru, has been publishing books on Buddhism, mainly written by Ven. Acharya Buddharakkhita since its 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 years ago called 'Buddhist Shop' beside the main gate of Mahabodhi. The 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.



Buddhist Book Shop at MBS Bengaluru

'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 this year too without break every Sunday monks gave Dhamma discourses. The Sunday program starts with chanting of Buddha Vandana and Suttas followed by administering Tisarana and Pancasila. Then one monk guides through meditation for 30 minutes and another monk gives a discourse, normally based on some Sutta needed for the daily life of lay people. About 100-150 people attended the program every Sunday. It can be said that it is one of the longest running Dhamma programs going on regularly in whole of India.

Daily Program:

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



Mahabodhi lokashanti buddha vihara, Bengaluru



Dhamma discourse is being delivered on the occasion of Dhammacakka Day

Monks' Dhammaduta Programs:

Venerable 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. Bhikkhu Ananda also travelled extensively to various places in North East India, New Delhi, and other parts of India on Dhammaduta work. He also travelled to Sri Lanka for one month of intensive meditation course in a forest monastery. Ven. Bhikkhu Buddhadatta travelled to Switzerland, Germany, France



and Italy for Dhammaduta work and gave Dhamma teachings extensively in all these places. Ven. Sayalay Yasanandi also travelled to Switzerland and Germany on Dhammaduta mission. Ven. Bhikhu Bodhicitta went to Indonesia last year on 14th September 2018 attend a conference on Buddhism, Women and Education. The International conference from the 14th to 17th September, Asian Buddhism connection (ABC) was attended by more than 16 Asian countries and was very successful.



MBS monks with Ven Bhikkhu Bodhi In New York

Ven. Bhikkhu Dhammacitta and Ven. Bhikkhu Sugatananda travelled to Thailand to meet Most Ven. Ajahn Dtun Thiracitto to receive the Holy Relics of Supreme Buddha which was later enshrined in the stupa of Mahabodhi Hyderabad. Ven. Bhikkhu Sugatananda also travelled to Sarnath for a Buddhist conference at the Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies (Deemed University) and delivered a talk on Satipatthana Sutta. He later travelled to Buddhagaya for a short pilgrimage.

Ven. Bhikkhu Panyarakkhita along with Ven. Bhikkhu Buddhapala and Ven. Bhikkhu Nyanarakkhita went to USA for Rain's retreat under Most Ven. Bhikkhu Bodhi from 25th July to 27th Oct, 2019. The Bhantes spent their rain's retreat under Venerable Bhikkhu Bodhi at Chuang yen Monastery in New York, where they had a great opportunity to learn Pali, Sutta and Abhidhamma under the guidance of Venerable Bhikkhu Bodhi. After the finishing the Vassa Vasa, they also visited other places in USA and gave dhamma talks and taught meditation to lay people. It was quite a successful Dhamma tour and many persons were benefitted.

12 monks from MMI along with one Kappiya participated in the 2-month long Tipitaka chanting that was organized at various places from October to December 2018 by the International Tipitaka Chanting Council. Another 10 monks and one Kappiya participated the final chanting program under the holy Maha Bodhi tree at Bodhgaya from 2nd to 12th December 2018. They recited the Buddha Vacana under sacred Maha Bodhi tree and led the chanting on behalf of Indian Sangha. Venerable Kassapa Mahathera also delivered a revitalizing Dhamma talk under the sacred Maha Bodhi Tree at



MBS Monks visiting Thai Vihara in Washington DC



Bodhgaya on this occasion. We are thankful to Mrs. Wangmo Dixey and Upasika Monica Thaddey for their generous support. Monks did puja and meditation at every holy place.

Other than these programmes, monks from Mahabodhi on many occasions, visited several educational institutions and other organizations for giving Dhamma talks. In this way, systematic Dhammaduta programs have been 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.

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



MBS monks with Indian devotees in USA during their visit

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 bringing various awareness programs related to 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.



Mahabodhi Karuna Medical Centre, Bengaluru

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, the 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 as well as the Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology. 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!



MBS monk doing blessing for patients in Kidwai cancer hospital before 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. Savithramma 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. Swetty 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. Shivalingaiah, Thejovathi, Chandrakala and family Endowment

Smt. Jayalakshamma & Shri. Narasimha Murthy Memorial Endowment



Publications:

Bada Bhanteji was a prolific writer, writing books of immense value till his last days. The mastery he had on Pali literature in presenting the original teachings as contained in the Tipitaka is very rare to get. During the year many titles were released.

Following is the list of the books published during the year:

List of book published in the year 2018

Sl.No.	Occasion	Kannada	English
1.	Dhammapada Festival March 2018	1. Dhamma Prabhandhagalu - Vol: 2 by Ven. Sri. Dhammananda 2. Samyutta Nikaya - Vol: 3 (Khandavagga)	1. Life Great Blessings by Ven. Acharya Buddharakkhita 2. The law of kamma and rebirth 3. Manual of Buddhist devotional practice 4. The life of most Ven. Acharya Buddharakkhita 5. Dhammapada in Tamil 6. At the Lotus feet of the Buddha
2.	Buddha Purnima April 2018	1. Anguttara Nikaya Vol: 1, 2 & 7 2. Bouddhara Advitiya Dhyanaagala Marga	
3.	Dhammacakka Pavattana day 2018	1. Nithyjeevanadalli Antardrushtiya Dhyana 2. Yelu Vishuddhigalu (Seven Stages of Purification) 3. Dhammacakka Pavattana	
4.	Smaranajali 2018	1. Bouddha Pathana	1. Basic of Buddhism Part - 1
<u>List of book published in the year 2019</u>			
1.	Dhammapada Festival March 2019	1. Buddha Dhammasara	1. Hattaratana 2. Buddhist Knowledge Quest



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:

A Centre for Moral and Spiritual Education

This center was started by Most Venerable Acharya Buddhharakkhita and he laid the foundation on the occasion of 2250th Buddha Jayanti Celebrations. The purpose of the 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. This center is managed by one in-charge monk, one assistant monk and two novice monks, one manager and seven staff members. During this year 34 residential courses were conducted where thousands of people got benefitted.

The Center was active throughout the year with various social welfare programs, mainly personality development courses and camps for youth and others. The following are the details of the center.

1. A total of 34 meditation and personality development courses were conducted on a regular basis during the year in Kannada, Telugu, Hindi and English.
2. Two meditation camps for children were organized during summer vacation for the child development.
3. In the month of November, special course for monks was conducted by Most Venerable Visuddhananda Bhanteji from Sri Lanka and in the following month of December the course was held for lay people. Bhante also took them to nearby small forest for an entire day for meditation, many of whom experienced forest meditation practice for the first time.
4. Ten days Vipassana Course in the traditional of Sri S. N. Goenka ji for monks and lay devotees conducted by Venerable Dhammika Bhanteji from Sri Lanka.
5. Most Venerable Bhikkhu Bodhi of USA visited the centre in the months of January and February 2019 and conducted Dhamma courses for monks and lay people.
6. In April 2019 some Tibetan, Bhutanese and Monpa students from Acharya college came for one day Dhamma activities.
7. On weekends many visitors come to the center from the city and outside too.
8. So far thousands of people have attended the courses and have benefited from them.

Meditation programs

Meditation courses were conducted regularly in Kannada, Telugu, Hindi and English languages by monks from Mahabodhi and Sayales from Myanmar as well other places. Separate courses for monks as well as lay devotees have been conducted. Every month at least three courses were conducted. In addition to the residential meditation programs, Pabbajja or temporary ordination courses have also been conducted so



Bhikkhu Bodhi bhante conducted meditation course at Dhammaduta vihara

Meditation course for women at Mahabodhi Dhammaduta vihara



that those who cannot become monks for their whole lives at least can get a chance to experience the joy of monastic life for a short time and can draw inspiration for progressing in their spiritual lives. So far thousands of people have attended the meditation courses and benefitted immensely. Apart from meditation courses other developmental activities were conducted.

Development Activities

1. We have installed 7 street solar lights in the last year - 1 for Dhamma Vaddhani Sima, 1 for Mahaparinibbana kuti, 3 for parking area and 1 for garden area.
2. Earlier it used to be very difficult for us regarding Due to problem in electricity earlier on at the temple and rooms especially during courses, we now have installed 1 solar light for Main Temple.
3. New UPS and inverter have been installed at the temple and also for monk teacher's room.
4. We also put new cable wires to all buildings and connection made with the Generator in case of any electricity problem.
5. We installed Sunrise solar heater of 1,250 liters, 250 for monk teacher's room and 1000 for Dhamma Vinaya building. Earlier we were using electric heater but it was getting very difficult for meditators to get hot water.
6. Last year we built a new basin with 13 taps beside dining hall so as to facilitate washing of plates much easily.
7. We put a fence at our new area which is being developed as a flower garden.
8. We have replaced our old tank of Main Temple with better quality one.
9. A small renovation of locks of Pagoda and Dhamma Vinaya rooms was made.



Newly built the washing basin at Dhammaduta vihara



New Solar facility for Mahabodhi Dhammaduta vihara

**Festival and Birthday programs**

1. We have celebrated Dhammapada Festival in a grand way, where many Bhikkhus and novice monks came from Bangalore apart from lay devotees and conducted chanting, meditation, and Dhamma talks. Sanghadana was offered by upasaka Mr. Muniraju. We also invited villagers who came in a good number.
2. Birthdays of senior Bhantes was celebrated apart from Upasika Monica's birthday too by serving special lunch for monks and meditators.
3. Sangken' - New Year of the people of Northeast India was also celebrated by washing Buddha's statue and doing puja and meditation.
4. Buddha Jayanti was also celebrated.

Other Activities

Plantation work was done throughout the year. A lot of fruit trees were planted within the campus. During mango season organic mango pickle was prepared and served to meditators during the courses. Flower trees was also planted in our garden so they could be of use for the temple.



Pindapata programme at Narasipura village



Devotees offering Sanghadana during Sangken (New Year) programme



Following is the **Schedule of Residential Meditation Retreats** conducted successfully at Mahabodhi Dhammaduta Vihara, Narasipura, Bengaluru (2018-19):

Sl. No.	Date	Course details	Teacher
1.	April 2 – 9 2018	7-day Girls Course (above 15 yrs) (English)	Sayamma Htoo Htoo (Myanmar)
2.	April 13 – 20 2018	7-day Pabbajja course for adults (Kannada)	Ven. Bhikkhu Ananda
3.	April 25 – 26 2018	One Day Dhamma Children Camp (English/Hindi/ Kannada)	Ven. Bhikkhu Dhammaloka
4.	May 5 -12 2018	7-day Boys course (above 15 years) (English/Hindi/ Kannada)	Ven. Bhikkhu Sugatananda Ven. Bhikkhu Dhammaloka
5.	May 21 – 26 2018	5-day Buddha Dhamma Bhavana Course (Kannada)	Ven. Bhikkhu Ananda
6.	May 27 – 31 2018	5-Day Meditation Course (English/Hindi)	Ven. Kassapa Mahathera
7.	June 2- 13 2018	10-day Vipassana Course in the Tradition of Sri S N Goenka for Monks and (Pabbaja) for Men	Ven. Bhikkhu Dhammika
8.	June 18 – 23 2018	5-day Buddha Dhamma Bhavana Course (Kannada)	Ven. Bhikkhu Ananda
9.	July 1 – 5 2018	5-day course for women (English)	Ven. Sayalay Yasanandi
10.	July 8 –17 2018	8-day meditation course (English)	Burmese Sayadaw
11.	July 21 – 26 2018	5-day Buddha Dhamma Bhavana Course (Kannada)	Ven. Bhikkhu Ananda
12.	Aug 5 -10 2018	5-day Meditation course (Hindi/English)	Ven. Bhikkhu Buddhadata
13.	Aug 15 – 20 2018	5-day monks retreat	Ven. Kassapa Mahathera
14.	Aug 27-Sept 01, 2018	5-day Buddha Dhamma Bhavana Course (Kannada)	Ven. Bhikkhu Ananda
15.	Sept 1 – 8 2018	7-day Intensive Abhidhamma studies (English)	Sayalay Uttamanyani
16.	Sept 17 -22 2018	5-day meditation course (English/Burmese)	Ven. Bhikkhu Pamokkho
17.	Sept 26 –1st Oct 2018	5-day Buddha Dhamma Bhavana Course (Kannada)	Ven. Bhikkhu Ananda
18.	Oct 4 – 12 2018	8-day Pabbjja-meditation course (English/Hindi/ Telugu)	Ven. Bhante Dhammapala Ven. Bhikkhu Dhammaloka
19.	Oct 15 – 20 2018	5-day monks meditation course	Ven. Kassapa Mahathera
20.	Oct 26 – 31 2018	5-day Buddha Dhamma Bhavana Course (Kannada)	Ven. Bhikkhu Ananda
21.	November 2018	1-month mediation course for Maha Bodhi monks	Ven. Visuddhananda, Srilanka
22.	Dec 1 – 20 2018	20-day Long course Lay people, temporary Pabbajja for men (English)	Ven. Visuddhananda, Srilanka
23.	Dec 21– 26 2018	5-day meditation course for lay people (English)	Ven. Visuddhananda Srilanka
24.	Dec 28 2018– 2 nd Jan 2019	5-day Buddha Dhamma Bhavana Course (Kannada)	Ven. Bhikkhu Ananda
25.	Jan 07 – 11 2019	5-day Meditation Course (English)	Ven. Bhikkhu Bodhi, USA
26.	Jan 14 – 21 2019	7-day Meditation Course (English)	Ven. Dhammapala Bhante
27.	Jan 24 – 29 2019	5-day Buddha Dhamma Bhavana Course (Kannada)	Ven. Bhikkhu Ananda
28.	Feb 01 – 05 2019	5-day Meditation Course (English)	Ven. Bhikkhu Bodhi, USA
29.	Feb 08 – 10 2019	3-day Weekend Meditation Course (English)	Ven. Bhikkhu Sugatananda
30.	Feb 13 – 21 2019	8-day Meditation Course (English)	Ven. Suhita Sayadaw, Myanmar
31.	Feb 23 - 28 2019	5-day Buddha Dhamma Bhavana Course (Kannada)	Ven. Bhikkhu Ananda
32.	Mar 02 – 10 2019	7-day Meditation Course (English)	Ven. Dhammapala Bhante
33.	Mar 14 – 24 2019	10-day Pabbajja- temporary Monk Course (English)	Ven. Bhikkhu Sugatananda
34.	Mar 26 – 31 2019	5-day Meditation Course (Hindi / English)	Ven. Bhikkhu Kassapa



Festivals

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

Report - Buddha Jayanti 2018 celebrations at Maha Bodhi Society, Bengaluru

Like every year, many spiritual and humanitarian activities were organized in the month of April 2018 as Maha Bodhi Society celebrated the 2562nd sacred Buddha Jayanti. The festivities commenced with the organization of a 5-day Dhamma camp for girls from the 4th to the 9th of April, in Mahabodhi Dhammaduta Vihara. Altogether 50 girls from all over India participated in the camp. They were taught about the life of Buddha and how to practice the Dhamma in day to day life. The girls were also engaged in a plethora of creative activities like painting, model making, statue making, gardening etc. Most importantly, they learned and practiced meditation in order to be able to deal with stress and challenges of life.

A 7-day Pabbajja camp (temporary monk ordination programme) was held between 12th to 19th April at Mahabodhi Loka Shanti Buddha Vihara, Bengaluru. 32 boys participated in this programme where they got the opportunity to live the life of a monk for these seven days. They followed a rigorous schedule, abiding by the Vinaya (code of conduct for monks) starting the day with the early morning prayer at 5:30 am and many other activities throughout the day. Ven. Bhikkhu Dhammaloka, Ven. Bhikkhu Dhammadutta and Ven Bhikkhu Bodhicitta were the main organizers of this programme, along with other monks. The participants expressed their deep satisfaction and were eager to come back next year.

Another Pabbajja and meditation program was held for adult men and women above 20 years of age at the Mahabodhi Dhammaduta Vihara between 15th to 22nd of April and around 36 persons participated in this programme. Here the participants meditated very seriously and were also imparted with Dhamma teachings. Ven. Bhikkhu Sugatananda conducted this programme, assisted by Ven. Dhammatissa. The participants were very happy at the end of the course and expressed their sincere gratitude for being able to participate in this programme.



Mahabodhi monks going on alms-round during Buddha Purnima Celebrations



Children Dhamma camp during Buddha Jayanti programme

on this occasion.

On the 25th of April, Burns Patient Service was held at the Mahabodhi Burns Center, Victoria Hospital, Bengaluru. It was presided over by Ven. Bhikkhu Buddhadatta, Ven. Bhikkhuni Thong Niem and Shri T. S. Dupare. After a short prayer service and addressing the medical students, the group of monks, nun, upasakas and upasikas proceeded to the various wings and wards, at the hospital, offering Dana (food packages) and chanting for the well-being of all was also conducted. This event was supported by Samyak Prabodhan Pratishthan, Bengaluru.

On the 26th of April, we held the Animal Service at the Akhila Karnataka Prani Daya Sangha. It is a large cattle shelter in the middle of the city. After a short chanting led by the Ven. Bhikkhu Dhammacitta, we proceeded to feed fodder to cattle and bird seeds to pigeons. There were two camels and a pony as well. Monks chanted for the well-being of the animals.

On the same day, the Cancer Patients dana service was held post-noon, at the Kidwai Institute of Oncology. Around 25 monks along with a fleet of upasikas and upasakas participated. Ven. Bhikkhu Dhammaloka inaugurated the programme, highlighting the value of service for the sick people. He reminisced how the Bade Bhanteji the late Ven. Acharya Buddharakhita dedicated himself to the service of the sick. Ven. Bhikkhu Ananda gave a discourse on the Vesak Full moon day. He then spoke about the monks Ven. Tissa at the time of Lord Buddha, who contracted leprosy with the Buddha himself served the ailing Ven. Tissa. The Buddha had then exalted service to the sick. Ven. Bhikkhu Ananda went on to comfort the ailing attendees by speaking on how to face the suffering of sickness. In the past, Mahabodhi had sponsored lunch service on every Tuesday and Saturday at the Kidwai Institute for three consecutive years (2014 - 2016). The Chief guest Dr. Giridhar Mahendra Kumara praised the efforts of Mahabodhi and also appealed to restart the lunch programme, while addressing the gathering. After the speeches and discourses, we initiated the dana service. The monks went from ward to ward comforting the patience, chanting for the well-being of all, and providing meal packages. This event was supported by the Siddhartha Educational and Cultural Development Association, Bengaluru.

On the 27th of April, a 1-day Dhamma camp was organised at Mahabodhi Loka Shanti Buddha Vihara. A total of 92 children participated in it. The camp was presided over by our honorable guest monk Ven.



Nanda, who initiated with an anecdote on listening Dhamma. Ven. Bhikkhuni Thong Niem also engaged the children and gave some important lessons. Mahaupasaka Ambassador Dato Dr. Ananda Kumaraseri brought his characteristic flair to the event. He taught the children the value of their parents (“especially the mothers”) and about gratitude. The event was supported by Shri D. R. Harishchandra in memory of Late Dr. D. Ramachandrappa, Mr. Ashok Dadlani and Seevali Foundation, Bengaluru.

On the 28th of April, two programmes were held simultaneously. A Dhamma discourse and meditation programme was organised at the Dhammaloka Vihara in Tumkur. Ven. Buddhadatta, Ven. Nanda and Ven. Sugatananda took turns imparting Dhamma to the devotees. This programme was made possible by the efforts of Upasaka Hanumantharayappa and the rest of the Upasakas and Upasikas in Tumkur. The second programme, Youth Dhamma service was organised at the Bhagawan Buddha Homeopathic Medical College & Hospital (BBHMCH). The programme began with chanting followed by discourse by Ven. Ananda. Ven. Ananda admonished the students and advised them to infuse compassion and understanding in their medical practice. He reminded them the significance of the path they have chosen, and ended with a short discourse on Lord Buddha - the supreme physician, who shared the remedy for all ills of Samsara. Our honourable guest nun Ven. Bhikkhuni Thong Niem, who had served as a nurse for 15 years prior to her ordination shared an incident from her time as a nurse and expressed the importance of spirituality and kindness. For medical professionals (and human beings in general), it is not just what we do but also how we do it that matters. Mahaupasaka Ananda Kumaraseri spoke to the students about the lotus greeting - Sukhi Hotu. Shri K. Chandrashekar, the chairman of BBHMCH, spoke on the significance of Buddha Jayanti and elaborated on the close relationship between the college and Mahabodhi Society. Dr. Sebastian Prabhakaran ended the program with an anecdote from the Dhammapada. Lunch service for the monks as well as all the attendees was also organized by the college.

On the 29th of April, more than 100 monks went on Alms round at the Gandhi Nagar area. Many devotees offered food to the monks along the route. Puja, undertaking of Trisarana, Pancasila, Dhamma discourse and Blessings were offered by our president Ven. Kassapa Mahathera, President of Mahabodhi Society. Ambassador Dato Dr. Ananda Kumaraseri gave a talk on the significance of the lotus greeting - Sukhi Hotu. Ven. Bhikkhuni Thong Niem, touched by her experience of the morning alms round, gave a profound discourse on the virtue of Dana. A free medical camp for heart related sickness was organised by the Tathagat Heart Care Centre & Hospital. Lunch service was offered by Ms. Sheshamma in the memory of her brother late Shri N.A. Raju. The events for the day were supported by Devarakonda V. R. S. Murthy.

On the 30th of April, we inaugurated the Sacred Vesakha Buddha Purnima with Sri Mahabodhi Puja, Vishwa Maitri Stupa puja, Siripada Cetiya Puja at 9 a.m. at Mahabodhi Loka Shanti Buddha Vihara. Ven. Kassapa Mahathera imparted Trisarana, Pancasila and also a Dhamma discourse and Blessings to the devotees. Ven. Bhikkhu Sugatananda also gave Dhamma discourse on this occasion. Lunch service was provided by Shri Anand Mulsavalgi. Post-lunch programme was presided over by Ven. Bhikku Ananda. The programme went on till over 4:30 pm. Ananda Bhante offered triple refuge, precepts and gave Dhamma talk to more many devotees. A new-wed couple came to receive blessing on this occasion. Visakha, one of the girls who participated in the Dhamma camp earlier in the month, shared her camp experience with everyone. The rest of the girls from the camp recited the Mangala Sutta. The programme was rounded off with a question and answer session, giving the lay devotees an opportunity to satiate their curiosity and progress in the path of the Dhamma. Deepa puja was held in the evening. The entire Vihara grounds were lit with the radiance of the candle light.

On the 1st of May the ceremony concluded with the sharing of merits (punnanomodana). The monks



chanted for the benefit of all the people who made the Buddha Jayanti celebration possible. Merits were shared with all the benefactors, the volunteers, the attendees, their families, relatives, friends, and all beings. We wish that may all prosper in the path of the Dhamma and attain the Supreme Bliss of Nibbana.



Dhamma outreach programme at K.R. Purm village during Buddha Jayanti



Report – 2606th Dhammacakka Pavattana Day (From 27 – 29th July 2018)

Dhammacakka Pavattana Day falls on the full moon day of July known as Ashalha Punnima. This auspicious Punnima is very significant for many reasons. Firstly, the Buddha delivered his first sermon to the five monks (Pancavaggiya Bhikkhu) after his Enlightenment to the world at the Deer park, Isipatana. Secondly, the supreme Buddha with his newly enlightened Arahant monks took the first Rains Retreat (Vassa) at Sarnath, Varanasi. Keeping in the line of tradition, Buddhist monks invariably enter into three months Retreat from the month of July until October full moon day.

Maha Bodhi Society, Bengaluru like every year celebrates this day as Dhammacakka Pavattana Day (Dhamma Day) remembering the Buddha's the first great sermon. This year, the occasion was celebrated over three days, from 27th July, 2018 to 29th July, 2018.

On 27th July, the Asalha full moon day program began by paying salutations to the image of Ven. Dr. Acharya Buddharakkhita Bhanteji – the founder and respected teacher. All the venerable monks circumambulated the holy Bodhi tree and paid respect and venerated the sacred Chaitya in the campus. This was followed by the assembling of both monastic and laity in the main hall. Thereafter, there was a group chanting of the First holy sermon of Bhagavan Buddha known as '*Dhammacakka Pavattana Sutta*' - setting in motion the Wheel of Truth. After the chanting, the lay devotees established themselves in five and eight percepts respectively. Venerable Bhante Pamokkha, Ph.D. scholar and teacher at Mahabodhi Monastic institute enlightened the gathering by a meaningful explanation of the Sutta and reminding the audience about the significance of four noble truths at modern times.

During this occasion, two Kannada publications namely; **Elu Visuddhigalu-** (Seven stages of purification) and **Nithya Jeevanadalli Antardrushtiya Dyana-** (Insight Meditations in Daily life). With this the morning session ended with the blessings by the monks.

Sanghadana for monks was arranged by the upasakas and upasikas. The holy Sangha blessed all the supporters and devotees who served the lunch devoutly. At 12 noon lunch was arranged for the devotees. Afternoon meditation session was conducted for the meditators where many people



Dhammacakka Pavattana day celebrations at MBS Bangalore



participated and stayed until the evening. At Evening 6.30 p.m. there was chanting of *Dhammacakka Pavattana Sutta* under the holy Bodhi tree followed by Deepa Pooja. The venerable Monks guided the meditation session and shared Metta with all those who have participated and with all living beings. The Full moon Day program came to an end successfully with sharing merits.

On the second day, the 28th July, Saturday at 4 p.m. Hospital Dana service was observed by offering Dana of fruits packets to the patients at Kidwai Cancer Hospital, Hosur Road, Bengaluru. The Monks not only offered Dana but they gave counseling and blessing to the patients for their mental well-being and happiness.

As a monastic code of conduct, in the evening all the resident monks took the three months Vassa- Observance of Rains Retreat in the Mahabodhi Loka Shanti Buddha Vihara which would be completed on the full moon day of October.

On the third day, 29th of July, Sunday morning, there was a puja, meditation and offering ceremony. Smt. Kannika Parameshwara, wife of Hon. Deputy Chief Minister Dr. Sri G. Parameshwara offered the puja in the name of Late Dr. G. Shivaprasad, Former Chairman, Sri Siddhartha Education Society and Medical College. Upasaka Dr Shivaprasad, had been a great supporter of the Mahabodhi Sangha and a devout Dhamma follower who learnt Dhamma under Bada Bhanteji. In his memory, a Dhamma book was published by Maha Bodhi Society which was released by Smt. Parameshwara. On this occasion she also launched the new website of 'Mahabodhi Research Centre- A Centre for Research and Study of Theravada Buddhism'.

Sri Muralidhar Halappa, Chairman of Skill Development Board, Karnataka addressed the gathering saying, Maha Bodhi Society being situated in the centre of the city and serving people by providing noble service to the society. He thanked the founder of the society, Venerable Acharya Buddharakkhita for his great effort in establishing this Loka Shanti Buddha Vihara at Bengaluru. Later, Dr. G. Parameshwara and his family offered Sanghadana to the monks in the Danasala. After the lunch was served, merit sharing ceremony (*punyànumodana*) was performed by venerable monks in the name of Late Upasaka Sri G. Shivaprasad.

Afternoon a symposium on topic '*Dhammacakka Pavattana Sutta*' was organized under Mahabodhi Research Centre, Bengaluru affiliated to esteemed Tumkur University. Three Research scholars, one from India and two from Myanmar perusing Ph.D. presented their papers on the theme.

In the symposium, the key note speaker Ven. Ananda Bhanteji highlighted on the essence of *Dhammacakka Pavattana Sutta* wherein the Supremely Enlightened one, the Buddha expounded or set in motion the wheel of truth, that will last long for 5000 years, rightly called as Buddha Sasana or Buddha's Dispensation.

In the first session of the symposium, Ven. Bhikkhu Pamokkha presented the paper on the topic "Stress reduction through three-fold training – *Sila*, *Samadhi* and *Panya*. Sila is very important as it purifies the bodily and vocal actions, when once sila is established; it paves way for *Samadhi* (Concentration) and the practitioner can move on to *Vipassana*. The root cause for stress in the modern world experienced by individuals is due to greed, hatred and delusion. People are chasing after material possessions and therefore knowingly and unknowingly inviting stress leading to *dukkha*. The way out is following in determined way, the Panchasila, to reduce unwanted, stressful, mechanical and meaningless way of living. The need of the hour in the society is to practice three-fold training consisting of morality, concentration and wisdom backed by Dana (Charity).

In the second session Ven. Sayale Yasanandhi presented and delivered the discourse on the topic entitled "How to face Lokadhamma with four noble truths". In the world one can find the pairs of (1)



suffering and happiness, (2) Praise and Criticism, (3) Honour and Dishonour, and (4) Profit and Loss. This lokadhammas or eight worldly conditions are not possible to eliminate. One has to undergo all these eight experiences in the life. The speaker emphasized on practicing four noble truths and noble eight-fold paths to achieve equanimity under all circumstances. *Cittanupassana* - is the solution for attaining Upekkha or Equanimity. The individuals should not elate when the circumstances are favorable or should not get dejected when the circumstances are unfavorable. By understanding the Dhamma, and clearly knowing Eight worldly conditions they have to sail through day to day life.

In the third session, devoted Upasaka and Research Scholar in Buddhism at Mahabodhi Research center, affiliated to esteemed Tumkur University, Mr. S. Narasimhaiah presented meticulously researched paper on the topic entitled "Buddha's Teaching for lay people: A treasure buried in time" Upasaka Narasimhaiah emphasize the fact Lord Buddha delivered discourses to lay people as well as monks on different occasions and those discourses are well captured in *Dāghānikaya*, *Anguttaranikaya*, *Saṃyuttanikaya* and *Khuddakanikaya*. He assimilated the lay upasakas related discourses of Buddha with particular importance to pragmatism that is practical approach to the practice of Dhamma. One can reap fruits by determined practice of four noble truths and noble eight-fold paths. It was a useful session for the audience.

Well informed upasakas and upasikas in Dhamma posed genuine queries to all the speakers. The speakers gave answers with citations and satisfied the questioners. Some central questions were also answered by Ven. Ananda Bhanteji apart from the key note speakers. Ultimately the symposium came to end and vote of thanks was proposed by Ven. Bhikkhu Buddhadatta, Director, Mahabodhi Research Center. The program was moderated by Upasaka Ramachandra and Upasika Uma T.G. of Maharani College, Bengaluru. Certificates and mementos were also presented to the research scholars.



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Report on Smaranānjalāli

5th death anniversary of Late Ven. Dr. Acharya Buddharakkhita

Maha Bodhi society, Bangalore observed the 5th death anniversary of its Founder President Ven. Dr Acharya Buddharakkhita Bhanteji as 'Smarananjali - Remembrance Day' from 22nd to 23rd September. Most Venerable Acharya Buddharakkhita was the shining gem who served the cause of Buddha sasana. A servant of Buddha sāsana— **Buddhadāsa** as he used to call himself, he had given his whole life for the spreading of Buddha Dhamma in India, the land of its origin and to the Buddhist world. One could rightly say that his contribution has been the greatest among



Indians after many centuries. His life and teaching were exemplary and inspiring. Venerable Acharya's far vision and dedication to Buddha Dhamma led him to establish the Mahabodhi Society in Bangalore and many Buddhist centers in India and abroad. He has rendered a yeomen spiritual and humanitarian service for six decades to the whole world particularly to Indian people. He was the member of the editorial board of the Sixth Buddhist Synod in Yangon, which brought out the complete edition of Buddhist scriptures. He has written numerous books and translation of Buddhist text, which have been published all over the world best known is his English rendering of Dhammapada – The Buddha's path of wisdom for right living. He has rendered his services in the field of educational medical and socio-economic development of the people.

Born In Manipur, India in 1921, he lived an enlightening life till the year 2013. His life stretching about 92 years is an inspiring saga filled with challenges every single day. The Acharya passed away peacefully on 23rd September 2013, living behind a legacy of Dhamma to his monastic and lay disciples. Since that day, his death anniversary is celebrated as **Smaranānjalāli** – grateful Remembrance Day to the late great Acharya.

Like every year, this year the **Smaranānjalāli** Day observed for two days on 22nd and 23th September in a meaningful way in the form many meritorious deeds. On Day 1, a puja and meditation program was arranged at Dhammaduta vihara to pay our respect and gratitude. In the morning session, worship was offered in the pagoda in the sanctum and then we paid our salutation to Bada Bhante's statue inside the pagoda. All his disciples gathered around and worshipped the Acharya with heartfelt salutation.

In the Dhamma hall, a small chanting was offered and then the upasakas and upasikas undertook precepts. Then Ven Bhikkhu Pamokkho delivered the Dhammadesana on the life and teaching of Bada Bhante, and how the people were fortunate to get the Dhamma because of him. He enlightened the audience with a deep message of Dhamma, followed by Kannada talk by Ven. Bhikkhu Ananda, the Gen. Secretary of Maha Bodhi society.

Sanghadana was served to the monks offered by devoted Upasaka Muniraju and family. The Sangha blessed upasakas and upasikas who participated in the Sanghadana. Lunch was also arranged for all the devotees. In the afternoon there was a meditation session in Bodhirasmi pagoda, the place of Bada Bhante's cremation. The monks practiced bhavana dedicating it to Bada Bhante and in the end merits accrued were shared by all in our beloved Bada Bhanteji name and respects were paid.

On day 2, 23rd of September i.e Smarananjali Day many meritorious programs were organized at the Maha Bodhi Society, Gandhinagar centre. The program began with Sanghadana at 10 a.m., after which monks and lay devotees gathered in front of the image of Ven Acharya Buddharakkhita Mahathera - Bada bhanteji to pay respects and tributes on the 5th Anniversary followed by Bodhi vandana and Cetiya vandana.



The venerable monks and devotees then assembled in the main hall. A group chanting was offered by reciting the parittas and then a meditation session was conducted dedicating the same to Bada Bhante. Ven. Bhikkhu Ayupala, teacher at Mahabodhi Monastic Institute delivered Dhamma talk on this occasion where he focused upon the rare opportunity to get the noble teaching of Buddha based on right understanding because of Bada Bhanteji. Learning of Dhamma is very important to establish the pariyatti sāsana. Ven. Bhikkhu Vinayarakkhita enlightened the audience with practical analogy connected with practice of Dhamma. The venerable Bhante emphasized upon the practical application of Dhamma. We learn a lot, but we lack in practice of Dhamma which is crucial to help free ourselves from suffering. Hence, practice which is called patipatti sāsana is of higher importance.

One of the important initiatives which Bada Bhante himself undertook as Dhammadana in his lifetime was the publication of Dhamma books, which continues till now. Hence, to pay gratitude to the late Acharya, four new publications were released on this occasion entitled: 1. Dhammapada stories part –II (Tamil), 2. Basics of Buddhism – Part I (English), 3. Dhamma Cakka Pavattana Sutta – Kannada translation, 4. Bouddhara Advithiya Dhyanaagala Marga (Kannada). Along with the books, few CDs were also released, namely – Wayfarers, 4 Dhamma talks, Mahabodhi – A dedication to Ven. Acharya Buddharakkhita, Dhamma Vani and Chanting for peace & protection.

The senior disciples of Bada Bhante, who were associated with him for many years shared their experiences and memories with their great teacher. They expressed deeply from their heart that their lives have been touched and blessed by the presence of Bada Bhante in so many ways. The Acharya compassionately guided lay people and taught the Dhamma tirelessly. After the memorial program, a documentary film on life and works of Bada Bhante was played for the audience and whereby they got a glimpse about Mahabodhi and its founder. Between 3 p.m. – 5 p.m. there was meditation session in the main hall.

Apart from this, hospital Dana service was arranged in two different hospitals in Bengaluru namely – Victoria hospital and Kidwai cancer hospital. Monks went to various wards of Victoria hospital and offered fruit packets to the patients. The patients were blessed by the monks. In the evening, dinner was provided to 300 patients at Kidwai cancer hospital at Bengaluru. Venerable monks offered a puja and blessing for their good health and speedy recovery.

In the evening, the evening puja was offered by the monks and faithful lay devotees and 1008 lamps were lit in the campus dedicating the same to Bada Bhante. The program came to an end with the sharing of merits called *punya-numodana*. This is how the fifth anniversary of Bada Bhante was observed with faith devotion and immense gratitude and gratefulness. Truly, the day was a day of remembrance to our beloved teacher, by performing manifold wholesome deeds- punyakamma.

With deep and folded hands, we, the disciples of Bada Bhante share the punya with our teacher, May Bada Bhante rejoice in our noble deeds and keep guiding us on the path of Dhamma until the attainment of Nibbāna!



Report - Kathina Civara Dana Ceremony (27th and 28th October 2018)

Kathina is a Buddhist festival which is held at the end of Vassa, the three-month rainy season retreat of monks in all Theravada Buddhist countries. The Buddha had preached his first discourse to the five ascetics of Isipatana following by the rains retreat, a tradition wherein monks spent the rainy season “Vas” in one place of residence carrying out their Dhamma practice with intensive work.

This Kathina ceremony was recommended by the Lord Buddha mainly for the welfare of the Sangha (the Community of monks). The Lord Buddha did take into consideration how the Order he founded could survive.



Ven Visuddhananda Thera from Sri Lanka delivering Dhamma talk during Kathina programme



Offering for Mahasangha is being readied

The three months seclusion of monks for the rainy season thereby ends with the “Pavarana” ceremony which is preceded by the “Uposatha Kamma” during which monks establish their “Purisuddhi” (Purity of conduct) and individually declare their shortcomings to their fellow brother monks and seek absolution. The Vinaya rules are not meant to punish but to rehabilitate an erring monk. They are reminders to the Sangha to live within the framework of the “Vinaya”. The monks who establish their “Purisiddhi” are worthy of veneration and worthy of receiving Dana. Lay devotees, thus get the chance to show their respect and support of the Buddha-Sasana during the “Kathina” Ceremony. The “Kathina” ceremony is performed by monks when they have completed their “Vas”. The ceremony of giving the “Kathina Robes” is called “Kathina-pinkama”.

The offering of this special robe started during the time of the Buddha when some monks after observing the three months rain retreat were going to the Monastery at Savatthi where the Buddha was staying and were thoroughly drenched by a heavy downpour. Taking into consideration their





Holy Kathina Civara is being offered to Ven Kassapa Mahathera during kathina celebrations, Bengaluru



Kathina Civara is being weaved in Bengaluru

conditions The Buddha, hence prescribed that the “Kathina” ceremony shall be performed by monks when they have completed the “Vas”.

It is the custom in Theravada countries to inform the lay devotees of the day on which the “Kathina” ceremony is to be held so that they may participate with offerings of robes sponsorship or other requisites. The distribution of the robes received by the monks from the lay devotees are entirely a matter for the Sangha members. The “Kathina” ceremony promotes the interdependency of the Sangha and the laity. It is an important merit making event for Buddhists of the Theravada tradition.

The two-day Kathina Civara Dana ceremony concluded on Saturday and Sunday in October 2018 with ritualistic offering of yellow robes to the monks by devotees who were present to celebrate the Kathina Civara Dana at the Mahabodhi society of Bengaluru.

The devotees undertook the five precepts which were followed by offerings of alms to Bhikkhu Sangha and religious discourse led by Venerable Kassapa Mahathera.

According to religious beliefs of Theravada Buddhists, the day being a full moon day i.e. Purnima is considered a sacred day by the entire Buddhist community. The whole event was witnessed by many Bhikkus and householders. In the evening of Saturday the celebration began by the ceremony of lightening lamps at Bodhi tree and Stupa and from 9pm onwards the overnight Paritta chanting ceremony began under the guidance of Venerable Kassapa Bhanteji thus ending on Sunday morning at 7 a.m. On Sunday too Sutta discourse was held followed by releasing of newly published books and offering of the Kathina robe to the Sangha by the lay persons with great devotion.



Holy Relics are being carried by monks



Holy relics of Lord Buddha is being carried by lay devotees during kathina celebrations



MBS monks paying respect to the Holy Relics of Lord Buddha



Report - Dhammapada Festival - 98th Birthday of Most Ven.Acharya Buddharakkhita (14th March – 21st March 2019)

Like every year, the birth day of Most Venerable Dr. Acharya Buddharakkhita was celebrated with much joy and spiritual fervor. A number of meritorious activities at Maha Bodhi Society-Bangalore were conducted. The Holy Purnima, the third month of lunar calendar which marks the birth day of our late beloved and most respected teacher Most Venerable Acharya Buddharakkhita fondly known as Bada Bhanteji by his monastic and lay disciples.

Dhammapada, was the Buddhist sacred book which Bada Bhanteji remained ever grateful throughout his life. After having read the first two insightful gāthās of the Dhammapada, it had brought about a complete transformation within him into follow the path of Dhamma. Though he did not like to celebrate his birthday in a worldly manner, he encouraged his disciples to celebrate it as Dhammapada Festival.

This year, as it marked the 98th birth anniversary of Bada Bhanteji, Maha Bodhi society organized number of spiritual, humanitarian and Dhamma programs from 14th March to 21st March, 2019.

The program was launched with a 10 days pabbajja course held at the Mahabodhi Dhammaduta Vihara at Narasipura on 14th march conducted by Ven. Bhikkhu Sugatananda and Ven. Bhikkhu Vimalarakkhita.

17th march, Sunday Inauguration of Dhammapada Festival at Gandhinagar centre

1-Day meditation course and Dhamma talk was organized at Maha Bodhi Society, Bangalore. It was held on the beautiful Sunday morning at 10.30 am. The 4 day-long Dhammapada festival program began by monastic and lay disciples paying homage to Bada Bhanteji at his statue. Then a procession took place around the Bodhi tree and Cetiya after which the monks and lay communities settled inside the main hall. Soon afterwards, the special chanting commenced dedicating the same in the name of respected Bada bhanteji. With the lighting of lamps, Ven Kassapa Mahathera, President and abbot of Maha Bodhi Society and its sister organizations formally inaugurated the Dhammapada festival by giving an introduction to the audience. Venerable Bhikkhu Ananda, Gen. Secretary, MBS and one of the early disciples of Bada Bhanteji who had served him for a long time, highlighted the illustrious life of the master by giving examples which he personally experienced with Bada Bhanteji. He said that Bada Bhanteji himself had dedicated his entire life for cause of reviving Buddhasāna in India, for which we should be grateful to him. The Sanghadana was offered to the Bhikkhu Sangha faithfully by Upasaka Kasi Gautam and family. Afterwards the lunch was served to all the devotees followed by Kannada Dhamma discourse. The afternoon meditation session continued till the evening under Venerable Dhammaloka Bhante at Satipatthana kuti. The first day of Dhammapada Festival ended with evening chanting and meditation in the main hall.



Monks and lay devotees doing Bhavana during Dhammapada Festival in Bengaluru

**18th march, Monday – Dāna service and Blood donation camp**

On the second day, in the morning at 9 a.m. voluntary blood donation camp was organized with the help of Lion's blood group, Bangalore. Many monks and lay people donated blood voluntarily whereby 29 units of blood were collected successfully and donated to Lion's blood bank for the use of the needy patients in different hospitals.

Hospital Dāna services were arranged at two different hospitals. Lunch served to 300 cancer patients of Kidwai cancer hospital at Hosur Road. The Dāna service was led by Ven. Badalakumbare Anuruddha Mahathera from Srilanka, Ven Bhikkhu Ananda and others who did Paritta chanting and blessed the patients for their good health and quick recovery.

In the afternoon at 3 p.m., Ven Bhikkhu Buddhadatta together with group of monks and volunteers went to Mahabodhi Burns center at Victoria hospital to give fruit packets. Apart from distribution of fruits packets, counseling and blessings were given to the patients there. Bada Bhanteji had started this Burns centre in the year 1965 and since then he continued to visit the hospital regularly with fruits and blessings. Keeping up the compassionate service in action, Dāna service continues with the same spirit even today.

19th March, Tuesday - At Mahabodhi Lokashanti Buddha Vihara

Between 3 p.m. to 9 pm, six hours of continuous Maha Paritta chanting was recited by Mahabodhi monks for peace, happiness, good health and progress on the path of Nibbana of all beings. Mahā Paritta or the great protection is truly present in the words of the supreme Buddha. When one recites the words of the Buddha with a devout heart one receives a real protection in their lives.

20th March, Wednesday – At Mahabodhi Dhammaduta Vihāra, Narasipura

On 20th morning at 9 a.m., special Puja took place in Bodhi Rasmi meditation Pagoda, Bengaluru at Mahabodhi Dhammaduta vihara. Meditation session was led by most Ven. Anuruddha Mahathera from Srilanka followed by Sanghadāna to the monks. Upasaka Muniraju Bodh offered the lunch to the sangha, which he does every year on the birthday of Bada Bhanteji. Meditation and chanting continued in the afternoon from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Dhamma hall under the guidance of the abbot Ven. Kassapa Mahathera. The 3rd day program concluded successfully in Dhammaduta vihara around 4 p.m.



Book release during Dhammapada Festival 2019 in Bengaluru by Ven. Sunandasara Mahathera & Ven Anuruddha Mahathera, Srilanka



21st March, Thursday, Phagguna Punnima - 98th Birthday of Most Ven. Acharya Buddharakkhita Bada Bhanteji.

The 'Phagguna punnima' or the auspicious full moon day of March is the day which marks the birthday of our teacher and founder of Maha Bodhi Society Most Ven. Acharya Buddharakkhita (Bada Bhanteji). On this important day of Dhammapada festival many meaningful and intensive Dhamma programs has been organized in the name of Bada Bhanteji.

The special Day started in the morning with Sanghadāna, offering of lunch to the venerable monks at 10 a.m. Then the monks and lay people gathered near the statue of Bada Bhanteji and paid their respects. Afterwards Puja were offered and they did circumambulation of the Bodhi tree and holy Stupa in the campus.

In Mahabodhi Lokashanti Buddha vihara, Buddha Vandanā was offered in a group chanting by the monks and lay people followed by undertaking of Sila and mediation. Venerable Bhikkhu Ananda gave the introduction and welcomed the gathering. In his address he stressed upon the importance of Dhammapada day which Bada Bhanteji encouraged to spread the message of Dhammapada instead of celebrating his birthday. He said many of the devotees who have seen Bada Bhanteji saw that he would all the time be blessing and guiding us on the path of Dhamma. He dedicated and committed his whole life for the cause of spreading Buddha sāsana in India. His birth was indeed a great blessing to the Indian people.

The chief guest of the day, Ven Badalakumbare Anuruddha Mahathera, the chief monk of *Veduva Tripitaka Dharmayatana Sri Kalyani Yogashrama Samsthava, Srilanka* addressed the audience with an inspiring and enlightening Dhamma desanā. The Mahathera was surprised and delighted to see that the Maha Bodhi Society, Bangalore founded by Dr. Venerable Acharya Buddharakkhita is working to revive Buddhism in India which he had cherished for long time so that Buddhism would be re-established in land of India.

The Mahathera in his talk mentioned that India indeed is a great nation as it had produced the greatest religious teacher of the world, the Buddha. Being born as Indians, we are all very lucky. He talked on the subject of the Buddha's life and his sublime teaching, the Dhamma. He explained the six special qualities of the Buddha's teaching. The Dhamma is well explained, directly visible, immediately effective, calling one to come and see, leading onwards and to be personally realized by the wise. To attain the final bliss liberation, we have to listen the Dhamma with good attention for our knowledge and correct understanding.

There are four factors that are responsible to develop the wisdom, and further to the path of purification. Association of good friends who can teach us the Dhamma, listening to the Buddha's message, wise or clear reflection, and practicing the Dhamma itself, these are the factors which gives rise to wisdom in our lives. Quoting the famous stanza from Dhammapada, the Mahathera summarized the Buddha's teaching: 'Not to do any evil, do good and purify one's mind, this is the message of all the Buddhas.' There are two kinds of path or magga namely, sagga magga – path to heaven, mokka magga – the path to liberation. The three meritorious deeds of happiness – “Dana, Sila, Bhavana” cause us to succeed in this life as well as in the next world. The more we get merits the more we get happiness. A pure mind brings happiness. It was an inspiring Dhamma talk delivered by the Ven. Anuruddha Mahathera on this occasion.

After that Dhamma desanā Dhamma books in English and kannada languages were released. The two English publications entitled, a) *Hattharatana – Jewel in Hand* compiled by Ven. Bhikkhu Panyaloka b) *Buddhist Knowledge Quest* compiled by samanera Nyanatissa got released. The Two new Kannda Publications entitled, a) *Buddha sāsana* by Upasaka Y B Nandana b) *Shrestha Jeevanake Buddhara Entu Suttagal* by Upasaka Aneesh Bodh got released.



The morning session concluded with the blessings and Dhamma message by the Most Venerable Kassapa Mahathera, the present abbot and President of Maha Bodhi Society. At the end of the session, lunch was offered to the lay devotees.

In the afternoon session, Mahabodhi Research center, Bangalore (affiliated to Karnataka Samskrit University, Govt of Karnataka) organized a seminar on Dhammapada in Kannada between 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. The seminar was presided by Most Venerable Kassapa Mahathera and conducted in the presence of the Director Venerable Bhikkhu Buddhadata. Hon. Vice-chancellor of Karnataka Samskrit University, Prof Smt. Padma Shekar was the chief guest and inaugurated the seminar. Ven Bhikkhu Ananda, the Gen. Secretary, MBS opened the seminar with an eloquent keynote address to the gathering. The seminar was chaired by Sri. S. Mariswamy, President, Spoorthi Dhama. There were 6 scholars delivered their lectures each on a particular Dhammapada Vagga:

- ❖ Dr. Moodnakudu Chinnaswamy on **YAMAKA VAGGA**,
- ❖ Prof. K.S. Madhusudhan on **CITTA VAGGA**
- ❖ Dr. V. Anuradha on **BALA VAGGA**,
- ❖ Dr. H.V. Venugopal on **KODHA VAGGA**
- ❖ Dr. Vasudev Murthy on **APPAMADA VAGGA**
- ❖ Upasaka Aneesh Bodh on **BUDDHA VAGGA**

Many research scholars and students of Diploma and Certificate courses, and number of upasakas and upasikas attended the seminar. Dr B V Rajaram, senior Upasaka and Coordinator, Tripitaka Granthamala project moderated the seminar successfully. The guest of honor and the speakers were felicitated by Ven. Kassapa Mahathera, President of Maha Bodhi Society.

Apart from these meritorious activities over four days, Mahabodhi Sevakshetra, a new guest house was inaugurated for guests. Dhammapada recitation and painting competition were also held.

In the evening, amidst the spiritual environment of evening chanting being performed with lots of saddha under the Bodhi tree, the venerable monks recited the Paritta suttas for the peace and protection and lit lamps. The Dhammapada festival came to an end by performing the wholesome actions with all accumulated merits being shared with our late teacher Bada Bhanteji with the intention that Bada Bhanteji may rejoice in our punya kamma and keep blessing and guiding us on the path of Dhamma until we attain Nibbāna.



Ven Ananda delivering a Dhamma talk during Dhammapada Festival 2019



MAHABODHI SCHOOL, SARASWATIPURAM, MYSORE

Annual Report- 2018-19

Venerable Acharya Dr. Buddharakkhita Bhanteji founded Mahabodhi educational institutions to be “a child friendly school” with a view to give the best of modern education along with character building teachings. 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 personal evolution, physical fitness, emotional balance, strength, social responsibility, cultural richness & spiritual growth of a child. It is achieved by:

1. Building of Character education based on moral and spiritual principles constituting the foundation of happiness and peace.
2. Academic studies, which fulfils 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.

Staff and Students: Mahabodhi School, Mysore, affiliated to CBSE, New Delhi, runs 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.



Teachers Orientation program

The role played by the teacher in designing and shaping the future of a student is greater than anything else. In this competitive world the teachers need to train and update their knowledge to make teaching strategies more effective. Keeping this in view, three days Teacher's orientation program was conducted by resource personalities from Bangalore on various educational aspects

Opening day of the academic year 2018-19

We started the academic year 2018-19 on 1st of June by prayer and meditation. Ven. Sarana Nanda and Sivali Bhanteji blessed the students.

Functions and Celebrations

Functions and celebrations bring all round joy, happiness, variety spice to a child's life. To add color to their life the school celebrates different functions and festivals. Some of the highlights are as follows:





Yoga Day

On 21st June. Students participated in International Yoga Day organized by Mysuru district administration in race course ground.



Inauguration of Compound Wall



On 15th Aug 2018 Newly constructed compound wall was inaugurated by **Sri G. T. Devegowda Hon. Higher Education Minister and Mysuru District Incharge Minister Gov. of Karnataka** and special guest **R. Lingappa Worshipful Ex –Mayor Mysore City Corporation**

Independence Day



On 15th of August 72nd Independence Day was celebrated. The chief guest of the day was **Sri G. T. Devegowda Hon. Higher Education Minister and special guest R. Lingappa, Mysore hoisted the flag and delivered a speech on the importance of the Independence Day.**



Bada Bhanteji Death Anniversary

5th Death anniversary of Bada Bhanteji Ven. Acharya Buddharakkhita, observed as **SMARANANJALI** on 23rd Sep 2018 in the meditation hall. Bhantejis, staff and students participated in special prayer and puja followed by Dana Service.



Co-curricular Activities of the year 2018-19

To compliment and strengthen the student's academic learning, we had conducted a wide



range of co-curricular activities comprising of sports, games, cultural program, intra and inter school competitions to bring about all round development. These activities included:

1. English speaking skill
2. Collage making
3. Pick and speak competition
4. Singing competition
5. Debate competition
6. House-wise sport activities
7. Quiz competition
8. Rangoli and Floral decoration competition
9. Fancy dress competition
10. Drawing competition
11. Poster competition



School Facilities - Mahabodhi School provides many facilities to support various academic activities.

We also have a beautiful meditation hall to conduct meditation for students, teachers and other Upasaka and Upasikas.

Library - Well stocked Library for the junior and senior schools provide young minds an avenue to broaden their intellectual horizons. The library is equipped with nearly 2500 books on different subjects.

Digital Classroom - Two digital class rooms are provided to empower teachers with technology right inside classrooms, turning them into lively and vibrant learning platforms for students.

Computer Laboratory - The computer lab is equipped with 20 system and required software and hardware which benefit the students immensely.

Mathematics Laboratory - We have a good collection of books, models, charts and activity materials in the laboratory.

Physics & Chemistry Laboratory - This spacious lab is accommodated with science related instruments.

Sports Room - The sports room is filled with various sports materials for both indoor and outdoor games.

Karate Dojo - Bodi Shotokan Karate Dojo to train students in karate skills.

Dance Class - Students learn various forms of dance to develop a multifaceted physicality through training in dance techniques.

Activities room - These are filled with many latest play and learning material for nursery kids

Nursery play station - To make play time most enjoyable moment, we have nursery play station with different indoor and outdoor play material.

School Bus - School has transportation facilities with GPS tracking system for the safe and comfortable journey of students from different areas of the city.

**MAHABODHI CARLA STUDENTS HOME, MYSORE****Annual Report 2018-19**

Mahabodhi Maitri Mandala, Mysuru Branch, has actively been engaged in running various curricular and co-curricular and moral development programs for the children at the Mahabodhi School and Carla Students Home. During the year 2018-19, there were 179 children, two monks in charge and 23 staff. The reports are as follows

Classwise List	
Class	No. of Children
UKG	2
1 st	5
2 nd	12
3 rd	17
4 th	16
5 th	20
6 th	22
7 th	25
8 th	17
9 th	24
10 th	19
Total	179

Buddha Jayanthi was celebrated between 24th April 2018 to 30th April 2018 in Carla Home with the following programs.

24th April 2018 - Inauguration of 7 days Pabbajja course by Ven. Bhikkhu Dhammaloka bhanteji.

25th April 2018 - Life of the Buddha video show at Carla Home was organized for the children and devotees.

26th April 2018 - Children Dhamma Camp at Carla Home conducted by the wardens and other staff.

27th April 2018 - Dhammapada recitation at Carla Home led by Ven. Sarana Nanda Bhante and Sivali Bhante.

28th April 2018 - Dhamma Seminars at Carla Home led by Sarana Nanda Bhante and Sivali Bhante

29th April 2018 - Blessing ceremony at Dhamma Rashmi Nilaya and sangha Dhana by Upasaka Puttaswamy, Mysuru. Blessing ceremony also at Chaiti Tilak Home, Sanghadana by Upsaka Nataraju, Mysuru.

30th April 2018

Morning session – Peace procession from Mahabodhi School, Saraswathipuram to Buddha Vihar, Ashokpuram, led by Ven. Sarana Nanda and Ven. Sivali Bhante in the presence of Ex. Mayor Sri. R. Purushotham, Mysore City Corporation. Students of Carla home, Mettaloka and devotees took part in this procession.



.Ven Anuruddha & other monks receiving alms,Mysore



Afternoon Session – Dana service at Nirashrithara Parihara Kendra, Mysuru was organized for 420 homeless beggars led by Ven. Sarana Nanda bhante and Sivali Bhante.

Evening Session – Lightning of lamps and blessing to devotees and children at Sacred Bodhi tree led by Sarana Nanda Bhante and Sivali Bhante at Carla Home.

- Two-day excursion to Chikamagalur was arranged for all children on 14th & 15th May 2018.
- Bhantes from Mahabodhi Monastery visited Carla home for three days and spent time with the children.
- Vishudananda Bhanteji and other Bhantejis also visited Carla Home on the 19th May and blessed the children.

Class Tutor

1. Mr. Sam
2. Mr. Sam
3. Mr. Tejo
4. Ms. Vani
5. Ms. Vidyashree
6. Mr. Athulya
7. Ms. Chaitra
8. Mr. Shiva Shankar
9. Mr. Madhu Kumar
10. Mr. Shiv Kumar



Ayupala Bhanteji Inaugurating the new study Room at CSH Mysore

Other activities:

- A New Compound was constructed around the campus of Carla home. It was inaugurated on the 15th August 2018 by Sri. G.T Devegowda, Hon. Higher Education Minister and Minister In-charge Mysuru District. Sri. R. Lingappa, Ex. Mayor and Present Councillor was the special guest of the event. Venerable Sanghapala, monk – In charge, Mahabodhi Karuna Hospital was the special invitee of the event.
- Ms. Kathrin from Switzerland volunteered in Mahabodhi School and Carla Students Home for 5 weeks from 14th August to 18th September 2018
- Teachers' day was celebrated by thanking all the staff of Carla home, a special lunch was organized to encourage every staff.
- Carla Home staff joined Bhante Ananda and other monks to donate the relief fund to the victims of the Madkeri flood on the 13th of September.
- On the 23rd September, children and staff remembered Bada Bhanteji on his death anniversary and offered puja in his name. Dana service at PK TB and Chest Disease Hospital, Sanitorium was offered to all the patients.
- Birthday of Ananda Bhante was celebrated on the 25th of September. Two wardens went Bangalore and represented Carla Home. Dana service at Nirashrithara Parihara Kendra, Mysuru was organized for 420 homeless beggars in the name of Bhanteji. Special puja was faithfully dedicated in the name of bhanteji.



- Mr. Alex's birthday was celebrated on 24th Oct. Dana service at Nirashrithara Parihara Kendra, Mysuru was organized for 420 homeless beggars
- Two members of the staff, Mr. Tejo and Mr. Dhano attended Pabbajja meditation course in Dhammadutta Center. Mr. Dhano attended 10 days course while Mr. Tejo attended 20 days course.
- Visuddhananda Bhanteji was received and welcomed by the children and staff on the 26th December 2018. Bhanteji blessed each and every student.
- Dana service at Nirashrithara Parihara Kendra, Mysuru was organized for 420 homeless beggars on the 26th December led by Vishudananda Bhanteji.
- Ms. Salome Roggensinger volunteered in Carla home 29th December 2018 to 6th February 2019 and supported the children in their studies and games.
- Ayupala Bhanteji visited Carla Home and attended the Annual day celebrations.
- Two members of the staff Mr. Niranjan and Mr. Arogo attended the seven days Meditation course of Vishudananda Bhanteji from 31st December to 6th January 2019.
- Mother Monica's Birthday was celebrated on 12th January. The first Calendar of Carla home was launched and released on the occasion of her Birthday celebration.
- Bhante Ananda visited Carla Home and counselled all the children class wise and encouraged all the children and staff.
- Lay devotees of Thailand offered lunch to the children and donated kitchen utensils.
- On 13th February, Bhante Kassapa's birthday was celebrated in Carla Home in his presence. Bhanteji interacted with all the boys, class-wise, and encouraged each and every one them. Bhanteji also had meeting with all the staff and encouraged everyone.
- Most Venerable Bhikkhu Bodhi gave the Sunday discourse and made a slide show of his 7 days Dhamma Padyatra and shared his experience.



Mettaloka boys orgnized a rally during Buddha Purnima programme



Students of CSH paying respect to Bhikkhu Bodhi

- First ever Arunachal Buddhist Students Conference, South India in association with Mahabodhi Carla students Home was held on 2nd March.
- On 8th March, weekly Dhamma Talk by Most venerable Ajahn Anan of Wat Mart Jan Monastery, Thailand through online Zoom was organized and initiated for the monks, staff and children of Carla Home.
- On 19th March Anuruddha Bhanteji from Sri



Lanka along Ananda Bhanteji visited Carla home, blessed all the children in Carla home and school. Bhanteji also met all the teachers and encouraged them for their efforts.

On 20th March, Bada Bhante's Birthday was celebrated. Dana service at Nirashrithara Parihara Kendra, Mysuru

- was organized. Pooja was offered in the name of bhanteji.

Development Work

- A new compound of 16 ft. tall (8 ft. wall and 8 ft. iron chain link mesh) was constructed around the Campus.
- A new Generator of 62.5 KVA was installed in Carla Home on 3rd of August. It was inaugurated by Ananda Bhanteji. The generator was partly donated by a former volunteer, Ms. Vreni Iseli from Switzerland.
- A new generator enclosure with iron mesh, sheet and cement platform was constructed for the safety of new generator.
- New Interlocks tiles were replaced with old ones around Bodhi tree and school playground passage.
- School playground was renovated and levelled with new soil.
- A new drainage system was constructed for the outflow of the stagnant rain water at the school playground during the rainy season.
- School stage was renovated for the children to carry out various educational and co-curricular activities. Eight new flag poles were erected in front of the stage and entrance gate of the school.
- Old toilet and bathrooms were renovated into study rooms and store rooms. It was inaugurated on the birthday of Dhammaloka Bhante on 6th June by Ananda Bhante, Ayupala Bhante, Dhammaloka Bhante and Bodhidatta Bhante.



Pabbaja participants at carla home Mysore



New Interlocks being put around Bodhi tree, at Mysore



Visudhananda Bhante giving blessing to CSH



MAHABODHI METTALOKA YOUTH CENTER, MYSORE

Annual Report 2018-19

Mahabodhi Mettaloka Youth Centre is a branch of Mahabodhi Maitri Mandala in Mysore where students completing schooling from Carla Students Home are provided opportunities to study further. During the year 2018-19, there were 17 students and one warden. Some of the important activities that took place are as follows:

- All the students of Mettaloka paid salutation to Bada Bhanteji on his 5th death anniversary in Carla Home. All students also took part in the dana service conducted for tuberculosis and chest patients at PK Sanatorium Hospital, Mysore.
- Birthday of Ananda Bhante was celebrated in Mettaloka. Students also participated the programs in Carla Home.
- On the 25th of December, Sarananda Bhanteji and Sivali Bhanteji were invited to Mettaloka, they advised the students to practice Dhamma and concentrate on their studies for the exams.
- Students of Mettaloka had the great opportunity to offer Dana to Vishudananda Bhanteji during his meditation retreat in Mysore. Boys prepared breakfast every day from 2nd January to 5th January and offered to Bhanteji.
- On 6th of January students of Mettaloka took part in the Pindapata program for Vishudananda Bhanteji and other Bhantes in Carla Home.
- On 16th of January, Sivali Bhanteji was appointed as in-charge of Mettaloka to help the students in their studies. Boys nicely welcomed Bhanteji.



Mettaloka boys invited monk during the programme



Monks & youths at Mettaloka, Mysore



MAHABODHI BUDDHA VIHARA, MAHENDRA HILLS, SECUNDERABAD

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Mahabodhi Buddha Vihara is the Hyderabad Center of Maha Bodhi Society Bengaluru. The Vihara runs various activities to promote Dhamma for the welfare of all. Currently, the Vihara is building facilities for both monastic and laities. We are grateful to Most Venerable Acharya Buddhakkhita, Founder President, Maha Bodhi Society, Bhante Kassapa, President, MBS, Bhante Ananda Gen. Secretary, MBS, Chief Patron Shri. Anjaneya Reddy and Upasika Monica Thaddey.

Monks Training: We had 28 trainees and 3 teacher monks. There were 5 full-time staffs, 1 part-time staff and 3 volunteers. (This year we had also introduced a regional language training program which is "Telugu" which was for 3 months from April 2019 to June 2019 to enable the trainee monks to interact in the local language better and deliver the Dhamma in the regional language. The performances of the trainees were excellent.

Meditation workshop: Venerable Dhammapala conducted meditation workshops throughout the year, 15 to 20 people attended in each workshop and on the weekends the strength is 25-30. 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.



Foreign students discuss Dhamma with monk at Mahabodhi Buddha Vihara, Hyderabad

Sunday Evening Program: The program is conducted every Sunday evening from 6 PM to 8 PM. The program begins with Chanting, group meditation, Dhamma discourse and ends with an interactive session in which people actively participate. 20 to 30 people attend every Sunday and most of the participants who attend the Sunday evening program are new to it.

Buddha Purnima 30th April 2018: Buddha Purnima was celebrated with meaningful programs by the Sangha. Lay devotees also participated in Chanting, meditation and Dhamma talks to commemorate this historical day of Buddha's Birth, Enlightenment and passing away. Buddha's Main statue was decorated exquisitely with beautiful flowers offered as a mark of gratitude to the Buddha. The Vihara premise was adorned with Buddhist flags.



Devotees taking precepts on Buddha Jayanti at Hyderabad



The book “**Digha Nikaya - Volume 3**” was released by Shri Y. Venu Gopal Reddy Retd. IAS & 21st Governor of Reserve Bank of India & Smt. Sujatha Rao, Former Secretary of Ministry of Health and Family welfare. As part of the Telugu Tipitaka Translation Project, it is translated from Pali to Telugu by Venerable Dhamma Rakkhita and was made available to the general public on this day. Nearly 1200 people had attended and lunch was served to all. We thank all the donors for contributing especially Shri. Kota Ramesh, Shri. Umesh Kumar Baura.

Dhammacakka Pavattana: 27th July 2018:

Dhammacakka Pavattana Day was celebrated with similar program to pay our respect and gratitude to the Dhamma of Lord Buddha. It was on this the lord Buddha delivered his first sermon at Sarnath 2606 years ago. A book “**The Dhammapadam**” was released by Chief Guest Shri. Jaya Prakash Narayana Retd IAS. In the evening there was a Deeksha program. We thank all the donors. More than 500 people attended and lunch was served to all which was supported by Shri. Gundavaram Vidyasagar & family.



Monks participated on Dhammacakka pavattana Day, Hyderabad

Kathina Day - 28th October 2018: This is the day when lay people offer Civaras and other requisites to the monks. Mahabodhi Buddha Vihara celebrated the day with similar programs. There were Dhamma talks in different languages. Venerable Sugatananda in English, Venerable Dhammrakkhita in Telugu. The Holy Book “**Theragathalu Vol - 1**” was released by Shri. G Amarendar Reddy, Founder & Chairman GAR Corporation, it was translated by Thiyyagura Sitaramireddy. Nearly 900 people attended and lunch was served to all which was supported by Mr. Anjaneyulu R. and family. Civaras were offered to monks by devotees.



Shri.Kota Ramesh offering kathina robe to the monks in Hyderabad

Dhammapada day - 97th Birth Anniversary of Most Venerable Acharya Buddharakkhita:

It was on this full moon that our Founder President Most Venerable Acharya Buddharakkhita was born. He was a remarkable Buddhist monk in the modern time and in his quest for truth he stumbled upon a book The Dhammapada which had a profound impact on his mind and served as a spiritual guide thereafter. To celebrate the day



Ven Buddhapala releasing Book with Shri. Y. Venu Gopal Reddy in Hyderabad

we organize a function every year. The day was celebrated with Puja, flowering offerings and Dhamma Talk. Lunch was offered to all. Dhammapada Chanting was carried out by our venerable monks and the afternoon was followed by an Interactive session and sharing of merits.

Telugu Tipitaka Translation project: The aim of the project is to translate the Pali Tipitaka into the Telugu language which is the regional language. Shri. Anjaneya Reddy is the coordinator. This year two books were published, the names of the books are mentioned above.



Inauguration of Mahabodhi Seva Sadana: The ground floor of the building was inaugurated by Venerable Vishuddhananda Bhanteji in the presence of the Sangha during Stupa program and is now fully functional. The floor has a kitchen, dining hall, store, six rooms each two beds, room for 4 staff members and an office. It was supported by the Government of India. The rooms will be used for the residential meditation retreat as well as to accommodate guests

Dhatu Enshrinement Program: We have built a Stupa in the forecourt of the Vihara. We had acquired the corporeal relic of the Supreme Buddha by the kindness of Ven. Thiracitto (Ajahn Dtun) from Thailand. The program lasted for over 3 days (11th, 12th & 13th January 2019). On 11th January, the Holy Relics were welcomed and worshipped into the city by large number of people followed by a vehicular procession to the Vihara for a grand reception. There was 24 Hours Abhidhamma Patthana Chanting by a group of 200 monks from both India and abroad. The enshrinement ceremony of the Stupa with the Holy Relics was on 13th January 2019 by the Bhikkhu Sangha. Following in the day there was a discourse by an eminent Buddhist scholar monk Venerable Bhikkhu Bodhi from USA on the topic – “The potential contributions of Buddhism to India Today”. We were grateful to have Venerable Bhikhu Kassapa Maha Thero, Venerable Bhikkhu Bodhi Maha Thero, Venerable Bhikkhu Ananda, Venerable Bhikkhu Visuddhananda Thero & the Maha Sangha who graced the event into a humungous success.



Monks paying respect to holy relics before enshrine



Enshrine the buddha relics in hyderabad



Monks with Shri C. Anjanaya Reddy and Shri Dattaterayaji after enshrine the holy relics of the Budhha in Hyderabad



Ven.Monks paying respect to holy relics of the Buddha at Hyderabad



Monks carrying holy relics for enshrining

Sangharama and Vijjayatana: The building will house 8 teacher monks and 108 novices with classrooms. The work started in April 2018. The Foundation Station was laid by Venerable Bhikku Kassapa, President Maha Bodhi Society Bengaluru in January 2018. The building has been raised to two floors currently brickwork for walls is underway. The project is partially supported by Aurobindo Foundation and Maha Bodhi Society Bengaluru and more funds are required to complete the work.

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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. We are working on making the Pali Telugu Tipitaka books available online on Amazon.

Sangha Dana: Sanghadana is a common practice found in Buddhist communities. It is mainly interpreted as charity to the community of monks. We are happy to see the people of Hyderabad are steadily developing this practice of Dana to the monks during any major life events or celebrations. This year we had around 70 Sangha Danas at the vihara.



Sangharama under construction in Hyderabad



MAHABODHI NAMSAI BRANCH, ARUNACHAL PRADESH

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The Mahabodhi Namsai centre was established in the year 2012 under the blessings of Most Venerable Acharya Buddharakkhita, founder president of Mahabodhi Organisations, Bengaluru. The main objective of Mahabodhi Organisation is to put into practice the Buddha's teachings through various humanitarian services. Since then, there has been remarkable development in activities of the Mahabodhi Society Bangalore and other places.

Initial work of Mahabodhi Namsai Center was started in a rented room at Namsai. In the beginning Mahabodhi Lord Buddha College, Namsai, has started functioning from the academic year 2013 in an old school building. 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. The building is constructed by the Public Work Department of Government of Arunachal Pradesh with the financial assistance of government. At present various humanitarian activities are being conducted in this center, namely:

1. Mahabodhi Lord Buddha College.
2. Mahabodhi Maitri Girls Home.
3. Mahabodhi Monastic Institute.

MAHABODHI LORD BUDDHA COLLEGE



Arunachal Pradesh is a culturally diverse and environmentally rich state of India. Two districts, namely Changlang and Namsai are mainly populated by Theravada Buddhists whereas the Western Districts of Tawang and West Kameng is mainly populated by Vajrayana Buddhists. Mahabodhi Society being a Theravada Buddhist organization is already running educational institutions in Changlang district preserving the age-old traditional culture in accordance with the wishes of the local people. On the request of the public and leaders of Namsai area, Mahabodhi Society has decided to develop and run a college in Namsai, so that people of Changlang and Namsai district will be benefited. The peace-loving people of Arunachal Pradesh deserve a good educational institution of higher learning.



Mahabodhi Lord Buddha College was established during the academic session 2013-14. At the time of its inception in 2013-14 the college offered B.A. (Pass) course and B.Com. in semester system. Mahabodhi College nurtures all round development of an individual through character building education relevant to the present-day dynamic world. It also aims to provide access to higher learning at shorter distance and at affordable cost. The report of Mahabodhi Lord Buddha College documents its development and achievement for the year 2018-19. This year is marked with many events and success stories which can be attributed to the dedication and team spirit of the staff, students and members of the management.

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 Rajiv Gandhi University. Special admission fee discount was given to meritorious students.



Ven Panyaloka Bhante with Chowna Mein,
Hon'ble Deputy CM of Arunachal Pradesh

Courses

The following courses are offered at Mahabodhi Lord Buddha College:

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

College Strength

The college has enrolled 180 students in the B.A. course and 30 students in the B.Com. course with a total strength of 210 students for the academic year of 2018-19. The teaching and non-teaching staff strength is has been increased to 31.

Bachelor of Education Course

Due to necessity of trained teachers in the region we have started the Teacher's Training Program Bachelors of Education from the 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 to train the teacher-students is running smoothly. With the intake of 50 there are total 100 students in two semesters.

Center for Distance Education

A center for Distance Education was started and with the enrolment of 23 students in under graduate and 6 Students in post graduate levels.

University Results

The performance of B.Com. students in the University Examinations is consistently very good. The results for academic year 2018 of BA and B.Com. courses is 100%.

Computer Centre

The Computer Centre of the college is of considerable use to the students and staffs of the college with it being equipped with 15 computers with printing facilities but no access to the internet. We are planning to increase the number of computers set in the lab to 25 sets.

Library and Reading Room

The college library has sufficient text books and reference books for 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 using their library card which is issued at the time of admission.

Student Activities

The Independence Day, Republic Day, Teachers Day, Gandhi Jayanti and other programmes were organized by the students and staffs in most befitting manner. Students participated in all activities with great interest and enthusiasm.



- The Dhammapada festival is celebrated every year in our college to remember the Bada Bhanteji's sacrifice and contribution to the humanity on his birthday with prayer speech on him by teachers and students.
- All-round personality development is very important for the students and for this purpose, co-curricular activities play an important role. The Annual college week plays an important role and is conducted with programmes over 6 days in the month of October 2018. With the lighting of lamp and hosting of flag by Director of MLBC Ven. Panyaloka Bhanteji, the program started to explore the skill within. Various literary, sports and cultural competition were held among the four groups of students. On the final day a cultural program and competition were held. Prizes were distributed by MLA Chou Zingnu Namchoom and Deputy Commissioner Dr. Tapashya Raghav.

Since Mahabodhi Center has been established in Namsai with the support of local people, public leaders and help from Government of Arunachal Pradesh, we are thankful to each and every one for having been a part of Mahabodhi activities and extending service to mankind.

In this year also with the help of Honourable Deputy Chief Minister Sri Chowna Mein and Honourable MLA of Namsai Chow Zingnoo Namchoom, Government of Arunachal Pradesh has extending financial help for construction of first floor of college building and for construction for a hostel for girls. The construction work is going on.



MAHABODHI MAITRI GIRLS HOME, NAMSAI

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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.



Mahabodhi Maitri Girls Home was initially started in a rented house near Namsai Police Station with 8 girls. Now we shifted to another bigger rented house near Namsai Govt. Higher Secondary School. There are two wardens to guide and look after the girls.

The hostel is running quite well in the rented house with essential facilities. Two inverters are installed for uninterrupted power supply in study hours. The girls themselves cook their food turn by turn. Apart from their study every morning and evening regular chanting and meditation sessions are conducted. We do hope to shift to a new hostel building by the end of next year.



MAHABODHI MONASTIC INSTITUTE, NAMSAI

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With the blessing of Bada Bhanteji Most Venerable Acharya Buddharakkhita, Aggamaha Saddhamajotika, Ph.D., D.Lit., in the year of 2013, the Mahabodhi Monastic Institute was started with 18 young monks. At present there are altogether 46 monks residing in this institute.



Mahabodhi Namsai Monks

Since the number of monks is growing day by day, the monastic residence was donated by Maha Upasaka Chow Pinthika Namchoom and his family members. We are grateful to him for helping the monks in practicing, preserving and propagating the Bhagawan Buddha teaching. We are planning to increase number of monks in the institute. Hence, in order to accommodate more monks, we have constructed two monk's residences with bamboo and wooden structure, a big dining hall with attached wash basin and a kitchen for cooking with firewood. Now they are very happy with their new residence. Frequent power cut is common in this part of Arunachal Pradesh. So, we are planning to purchase an inverter for uninterrupted power supply in their study hours.

Some of the resident monks are getting both monastic and secular education. They go to a nearby government school in the morning session for their secular study and in afternoon they are getting monastic education in the monastery. Every morning and evening Sutta chanting and meditation session goes on regularly. Apart from that regular Sunday Dhamma program is organized in the monastery prayer hall every Sunday. The young monks are happy with their daily routine and their day to day activity. After getting the basic monastic training here in Namsai Monastery the young monks will go to Bangalore center for their higher monastic studies.



Mahabodhi Namsai Picnic



Dhammapada Festival

The birthday of our beloved Bada Bhanteji every year is celebrated as Dhammapada Festival in each Mahabodhi center. Here in Namsai too, we have celebrated Dhammapada Festival with Puja Meditation, offering Lunch to the monks in Mahabodhi Monastery Namsai. Afternoon hospital Dana Service was done at community health center Namsai.

At Mahabodhi Lord Buddha College, a seminar was organized on Bada Bhanteji's life and works for the Buddha Sasana by the teaching staff and students of the college. The program ended in the evening with lighting of 1008 candles.

Sangken festival:



On 13th to 15th April, 2018, Ven. Ratnajoti Bhante led our monk students and visited the nearby monasteries, villages and meet Bhantes, Upasakas and Upasikas and conducted Puja and pouring water on Buddha statue, Bodhi tree and stupa on Sangken festival. We also celebrated all local Buddhist festival like Sangken (water festival), Miko-Sum-Phai (Fire festival) etc.

Buddha Jayanti Celebrations



On 30th April, 2018, the 2562th Sacred Buddha Jayanti was celebrated on the full moon day of Vesakha, with various programs in our Mahabodhi campus. Monks from different monasteries, devotees from many places, parents and children were present to celebrate the Buddha Jayanti. The programme was started with the hosting of world Buddhist flag followed by Puja and Vandana. On this auspicious occasion the flag was hosted by Venerable Bhikkhu Kheminda from Silonijan Buddhist Temple, Assam. After Puja Bhanteji explained about the Buddhist flag. Afterwards, a procession was carried out for the peace and welfare of the people of the whole world. The main attraction of the procession

was that the Lord Buddha statue was carried on the elephant from Mahabodhi college campus to Namsai town. During the procession many people joined us.

Soon the Kham-Sin-Thomtra (Puja-Panca Sila-Listening the Dhamma) program was started followed by the Venerable monks offered flower, candles and incense sticks to the Buddha. And it was followed by puja, meditation, taking panca sila by devotees.

Blood donation camp



Blood donation camp also conducted at the campus (Tinsukia civil hospital team). This year 33 units of blood have been donated on this auspicious day of Buddha Jayanti Celebrations.

Monks Ordination Programme

Every year we take admission of new boys on or after 2nd week of April into our Monastic Institute with the intention of renunciation and becoming a monk.

On 21st June, 2018, we organized a Monks ordination program and we invited many venerable Bhantes from different monasteries. Their parents, relatives and devotees came from different places to celebrate and acquire merits (Punya). On this auspicious occasion we ordained 16 new novices as Theravada Buddhist monks in the presence of holy Sangha.



Bada Bhanteji death anniversary Programe:

On 23rd September, 2018, we invited Bhantes living nearby on the death anniversary of our *Bada Bhanteji* and conducted Special Puja, meditation, Dhamma discourses and sharing of merits by Venerable Bhantes and Sangha Dana programme in the name of our great teacher *Bada Bhanteji*.



Ananda Bhanteji Birthday Programe:

On 25th September, 2018, we celebrated the birthday of Venerable Ananda Bhanteji by doing puja, Sangha Dana, drawing competition etc. After that, we distributed many gifts to our monks, nuns, girl students and working staff. They were very happy to receive such kind of gifts and all wished him a happy birthday. We also prayed for his good health, prosperity, peace of mind and long life.

Mahabodhi Monks and gardening work



Gardening: Apart from monastic duties, monks grow flowers and vegetables in the garden. Due to these efforts, we now get sufficient green vegetables for our needs.

Dhamma Pada Yatra



A 10 days walking program from village to village was organized and successfully completed the Dhamma Pada Yatra with a group of Monks and lay devotees from Thailand for world peace.

Pindapata Program

Regular Pindapata program is going on every day Morning in different villages





MAHABODHI BODHGAYA BRANCH

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Bodhgaya holds a special place for all the followers of Lord Buddha as in the holiest of holy places for Buddhists all over the world. The Bodhisatta attained the Supreme Enlightenment and became the Sammasambuddha. It was a long-cherished desire of Bada Bhanteji to start a center at the holiest place for Buddhists. As per his wishes, Mahabodhi Bodhgaya center was started in the month of April, 2018. This center is directly under the supervision of Venerable Kassapa Mahathera, the President of Maha Bodhi Society. He is staying in Bodhgaya and supervising the work on a daily basis. He is assisted by Venerable Bhikkhu Sakyananda and another lay person.

As of now the construction of the new building is going in a full swing. The construction of the monastery and the guest house has been near completion. So far, we have completed the roofing up to the 2nd floor of both monastery and guest house. The plumbing and electrical works are going on now. We are hopeful that these buildings will be fully operational in another 3-4 months. Once the construction of the monastery and the guest house is completed, then we will be taking up the construction of the temple and sima. We also have plans to purchase some extra land so that we can create a garden in front of the monastery. We are looking for donors who can help us in purchasing the new land. Besides construction activities, we also organize Sangha Dana as well as dana for poor kids in the locality on the occasion of Buddhist festival days. Once the monastery is fully operational, we also plan to run meditation courses on a regular basis. This will greatly be beneficial to visitors and pilgrims as they would have a wonderful opportunity to cultivate their minds in the Holy land of Bodhgaya. We are hopeful that many noble-minded persons will come forward to support the project in Bodhgaya so that the center may fully develop into a highly evolved spiritual sanctuary of the Buddhists.



New building in Bodhgaya under construction building



MAHABODHI MAITRI MANDALA, DIYUN (ARUNACHAL BRANCH)

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Mahabodhi Maitri Mandala, Arunachal Branch was established in the year 2003 with the blessing of Ven. Acharya Buddharakkhita, founder President of Mahabodhi organizations, Bengaluru. This branch of Mahabodhi Society, Bengaluru was established with the objective of helping the needy and deserving people of the North-Eastern part of India through humanitarian and spiritual services. The following are the centers which are functioning towards this end:

1. Mahabodhi School
2. Mahabodhi Rita Girls Home
3. Mahabodhi Boys Home
4. Mahabodhi Monastery
5. Mahabodhi Moral Training Centre
6. Mahabodhi Medical Centre
7. Mahabodhi Evening Sunday Dhamma Program for Children
8. Mahabodhi Morning Sunday Dhamma program for public
8. Mahabodhi Sujata Dairy Project
9. Mahabodhi Agricultural Program
10. Mahabodhi Self Sustaining project
11. Mahabodhi Loka Shanti Dhamma Stupa
12. Mahabodhi Sacred Bodhi Tree
14. Mahabodhi Dhammavijaya Meditation Center

The Mahabodhi Maitri Mandala, Arunachal Branch conducted the following humanitarian activities during the year.

2562nd Sacred Buddha Jayanti Celebration. 2018

Mahabodhi centre, Diyun celebrated Buddha Jayanti on 28th April, 2018. The following programs were organized to mark this special day of Buddha Jayanti, commemorating the birth, Enlightenment and passing away of Lord Buddha.





Girls procession for Buddha Jayanti festival, Diyun

- a) Pabbhaja course for 10 young children conducted from April 25th to 28th
- b) Buddha Jayanti celebrated on 28th April
- c) Free medical camp organized on April 28th

The Bodhi saptaha (enlightenment week) started off with ordaining 10 young boys as novices who were committed to remain as permanent monks. They were taught Dhamma, meditation and puja for whole enlightenment week.

The main day began by offering morning prayer, hoisting the sacred Buddhist flag, and colorful procession of the monks led by Ven. Sangharakkhita Bhante and Ven. Sanghadatta Bhante along with other monks. Lord Buddha's relics were carried on an elephant for the procession in the Diyun town. Hundreds of people came to receive blessings of the sacred relics. Adding to the beauty of the procession, traditional dance and music was organized. After the procession everyone gathered at the main temple hall for Dhamma talk by the venerable monks. Venerable Sangharakkhita delivered the Dhamma talk on the significance of the sacred day emphasizing on the practice of Dhamma in daily lives. The program ended with offering of candle lights under the Bodhi tree in the evening.



Monks & devotees on Dhamma procession during Buddha Jayanti



Sangharakkhita bhante giving talk in program

**USA visit of Bhante Panyarakkhita**

Venerable Panyarakkhita went to USA for Rain's retreat under Venerable Bhikkhu Bodhi at Chuang Yen monastery in New York from 25th July to 27th Oct, 2018.

Smarananjali of Bada Bhanteji

Smarananjali, the day marking the demise of our founder and Dhamma father Acharya Buddharakkhita was observed on 23rd September 2018 at Mahabodhi Centre, Diyun. Seven senior bhikkhus were invited and dana was offered in the name of Bada Bhanteji. Monks, staff and children performed Puja, meditation and observed precepts whole day. There was Dhamma talk by Ven. Sangharakkhita Bhanteji and Ven. Bhikkhu Sanghadatta. A short video on the life of the Bada Bhanteji was shown to the children. Dhamma quiz competition was organized among the students of Rita Home. The program was concluded with lighting of 1008 candles and merit sharing ceremony dedicated to Bada Bhanteji in the evening.

Celebration of Bhante Ananda's Birthday

Bhante Ananda's birthday was celebrated on 21st September. An inter school U- 16 Football tournament was organised to mark the day. Indian Army Major Alex and the Oil India AO Mr. Sumsux Zaman graced the occasion as special guests. Higher Secondary School, Diyun won the Trophy. Special Lunch was prepared and served to monks, staff and children. In the evening special puja was offered in the name of Bhante Ananda for his good health and long life.

Kathina Civara Dana Celebration

Kathina civara dana was observed on 17th October 2018 at Mahabodhi Campus. On this day, a large number of devotees gathered to make offerings to the monks. Ven. Bhikkhu Sanghadatta Bhanteji gave a Dhamma talk explaining about the importance of Kathina festival. He also encouraged local people to preserve local Buddhist culture and traditions for benefit of the generations to come. Other guest monks also spoke on the occasion about the importance and benefits of Kathina dana. The program ended with Sanghadana and offering of monastic requisites to the monks.



Devotees offering katina civara to monks in Diyun

Visit of Mr. Vivek and his team

Mr. Vivek and his group from Ladakh visited our centre in the month of November from 23rd November to 25th Nov, 2018. Besides shooting a for a documentary of Mahabodhi Society they spent time with children and shared their valuable skills and experiences with the children of Rita Home.

Ven. Bhikkhu Pamokkha Visit at Diyun branch

On 25th November 2018 Ven. Bhikkhu Pamokkha and his group from Bangalore visited the Mahabodhi Centre Diyun. Bhanteji stayed one night in Mahabodhi Diyun Centre. During his stay Bhanteji has visited Rita girls home and give valuable Dhamma talk to the students.



Bhante Ananda's Visit

Bhante Ananda, the General Secretary visited us on 21st December 2018. Bhanteji was given a warm reception. During his visit short to Mahabodhi centre, Diyun, he interacted with the children and encouraged them to study hard and to contribute back to the society in the future.



Bhante Ananda visit Mahabodhi Diyun vihara

Sunday Dhamma program

On 6th January 2019, “Bahujana Hitaya outreach program” was launched by Bhante Panyarakkhita, the Chairman and Ven. Bhikkhu Sangharakkhita. The main objective of the program is to teach Dhamma to the common people every Sunday. We invited one group from one village every Sunday. Bus facilities and lunch were provided to the villagers who came to the temple to take part in the program. This program has been running successfully. Around 50-60 people participate every week. Dhamma talk is delivered in Hindi and local languages as well.



Devotees participate on sunday Dhamma program

Mother Monica's birthday celebration

Mother Monica's birthday was celebrated on 12th of January, 2019 with various programs. 1) A debate competition was organized for the class 6th to 11th standard on the topic “Power of Mind”; 2) Drawing completion was organized for the class U.K.G. to 5th standard. Prizes were distributed to the winners of the competitions. In the evening, special puja was performed and dedicated in her name for her good health, long life and peace of mind.



Celebration of Mother Monica's birthday in Diyun



Visit of Bhante Kassapa, President, MBS

Bhante Kassapa visited us on 19th January to 21st January during which apart from inspiring the staff and children, he inaugurated the school canteen which was built to train senior students in cooking, management and service and thus cultivate the spirit of entrepreneurship in them. Bhanteji also gave the Sunday Dhamma talk to the public.



Bhante Kassapa Mahathera visit Diyun

Birthday Celebration of Kassapa Bhanteji

Birthday of Kassapa Bhanteji, the President of Mahabodhi Society was celebrated on 13th Feb, 2019. Special Dhamma programs were organised like chanting, meditation, merit sharing and special lunch for everyone. Staff were also honoured with cash for their service to the society.

Mahabodhi Rita Girls Home

During the year there were 169 children at Mahabodhi Rita Girls Home with 6 care-takers and 7 staff members and 1 watchman. The children were well taken care of and good facilities including nutritious food was provided. Monthly health check-up was conducted by our doctor and nurses. The wardens took extra classes for 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.

Mahabodhi Boys Hostel

During the year there were 40 children with 2 care-takers. The boys were also looked after very well by our hostel care-taker. They were in good health during the year. As for the girls apart from learning general subjects, they also learn Dhamma and meditation which helped them in their studies. 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 were a part of their curriculum. Many activities and programs were also conducted for the children for their development in the field of education and in the field of Dhamma.

Mahabodhi Monastery

There were 20 young monks at Mahabodhi Monastery during the year. They are taken care by two monks. Apart from attending normal classes, the monks are taught Dhamma, Meditation, Puja and Vinaya every day. Two lay teachers were also appointed to teach secular subjects to the monks. English, Maths, Science, Hindi and Computer science are some of the subjects that are taught to the monks.



We are grateful to the Ministry of Culture for supporting our monastic project such as scholarship for monks and salary to the staff.

Mahabodhi Dhammavijaya Meditation centre

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

Developmental Work

In order to increase the strength of the school the extension of the class is under way. Due to financial constraints we are carrying out the work on phase-wise manner. The work started last year with the first phase of the construction consisting of four class rooms and chairman's office have been recently completed. The work of second phase is underway which includes two more class rooms and a conference hall with the sitting capacity for 100 people. The target set is to complete the whole construction work by the end of this year-2019. Once the whole project is completed, the building will have the capacity to accommodate about 900 students at a time.

The school runs with 27 teachers and 600 students presently. The result of exam of the children in 2019 has been very good but there is lot of room for improvement so that children perform better while at the same time being fully aware that exam results alone cannot build a complete human being. We would like to appreciate the contribution of Mahabodhi Karuna France and thank them for donating for teacher's salary every year. This generosity helps us to keep our teachers motivated and dedicated towards their work.



Dhamma shop

A small income generation project of restaurant and shop for school children, staff, parents and guests is completed and is in full action with its service. Food items like Momo, chowmein and some other local dishes are served here. Besides expecting to generate a small income, we want to train and encourage our senior students to start up such small projects in the future.



MAHABODHI CENTER, TAWANG

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The year 2018-2019 has been a wonderful year with lot of activities at Mahabodhi centre Tawang. Started in 2008 with the blessings of Venerable Bada Bhanteji, the centre presently runs a middle school, boys hotel, girls' hostel and an old age home. There were 130 children in the boys hostel, 140 children in the girls hostel, 15 senior citizens in the old age home and 10 monks in the monastery. There are 35 staff members and Venerable Bhikkhu Jinavamsa is the in-charge monk under the guidance of Venerable Bhikkhu Panyarakkhita, the Director of the centre. The following activities were carried out during the year:

1. On 28th April, 2018, Buddha Purnima was celebrated at Tawang centre with various befitting programs. The main program was the procession of Buddha Rupa procession which was organized from Mahabodhi centre to Seru village in which hundreds of villagers joined and rejoiced. Besides puja, meditation and talks were organised for the devotees. Seven young boys were also ordained as Samaneras. Night long chanting was organized which began on 28th evening at 6 p.m. till 29th morning at 5a.m. in which 25 persons participated.
2. Again, on 15th July, 2018, HQ 40 Mtn. Bde. conducted a medical free medical camp for the inmates of old age home, staff and children of the center. The medical team included Brigadier himself accompanied by his administration team Col. Sangwan, Smt. Retu, AQ Shri Kamal and Capt Smt. Priyanka. Ven. Bhikkhu Panyarakkhita, the Director gave a hearty welcome to the team and medical camp ended with a short meditation session conducted by Venerable Panyarakkhita Bhanteji.



A free medical camp in Tawang



Ven Panyarakkhita meeting CM of Arunachal Pradesh Shri Pema Khandu

3. Venerable Panyarakkhita went to USA for Rains retreat under Venerable Bhikkhu Bodhi from 25th July to 27th Oct, 2019. Besides spending Vasa with Venerable Bhikkhu Bodhi along with Venerable Buddhapala and Venerable Nyanarakkhita at Chuang yen Monastery in New York, they also visited other places in USA and gave dhamma talks to devotees there.
4. On 26th August 2018, Ven. Bhikkhu Dhammananda, Asst. Monk of Tawang centre accompanied by 5 samaneras conducted 1-day meditation program for villagers of Khet at Mahabodhi Dhammakhetta Vihara. They also went on alms round in the village which is very common among Theravadins but something very new here. The villagers greatly appreciated it for giving them opportunity to offer alms food dana.



One day meditation at tawang



Students ordained as pabbajja monks at Tawang

5. 23rd September was observed as Demise Day of Bada bhanteji. After the puja at 9am, Ven. Jinavamsa Bhante gave a brief account on the life and noble works of Bada Bhanteji. Alms offering was organised by MBS senior students, teachers and staff members for the monks in the name of Bada Bhanteji. Elder's day was observed on the same day in which inmates of Old Age Home were honoured with gifts. Dana service was conducted in the monasteries and program concluded with merit sharing to Bada Bhanteji.



Monks are on almsround at tawang

6. 29th Nov, 2018 was blessed day to have the holy presence of holy order of monks and devotees from Thailand who visited Mahabodhi centre Tawang for the Kathina ceremony. They also visited Khet village and went for alms round.
7. As a part of the efforts to improve the quality of education in our school, we organized training cum exposure trip for teachers to South India from 11th January to 2nd February 2019 during which they visited places like Hyderabad, Bengaluru and Mysuru. The trip also included one-week meditation course at Dhammaduta Retreat centre, Bangalore conducted by Venerable Dhammapala. This apart, they visited many schools in Bangalore and Mysore and interacted with teachers and students of various schools in order to exchange ideas and experiences. Mr. Nagaraju, an expert from Mysore conducted a training session on the topics like class room management, effective teaching methods etc.



Ven panyarakkhita with Hon'ble DCM, Shri Chawna Mein of Arunachal Pradesh



Ven Panyarakkhita Honouring to Hon'ble CM of Arunachal

8. Birthday of Bada Bhanteji was celebrated on 12th March, 2019 with Puja, meditation and Dhamma talks by monks. Our monks chanted the whole Dhammapada book and in the evening conducted merit sharing in the name of Bada Bhanteji.
9. Out of project of construction of 108 stupas, 75 stupas have been completed and 5 are under construction.
10. Construction of multi-purpose hall was completed. It was built with financial assistance from the Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh. Special Thanks to Shri Pema Khandu, the Honorable Chief Minister, Arunachal Pradesh, Shri Chowna Mein, Honorable Deputy Chief minister and Shri. Tsering Tashi, Honourable MLA, Tawang for their kind support to the society.
11. Extension of class rooms at school is going on with the kind support from Honourable MP, Shri Swapan Dasgupta, Rajya Sabha.
12. Special thanks to our friends, donors and supporters, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Ministry of culture, Govt. of India and Mahabodhi Society, Bangalore for their generous support to run all these welfare activities.



MAHABODHI GOTAMI NUNNERY

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The Buddha has established four congregations over 2500 years ago for the welfare of beings: Bhikkhu, Bhikkhuni, Upasaka and Upasika. The Dhamma is belonging to no one but who practice it. Mahabodhi Society always wished to fulfill women ordination which is not available in India yet. In the year 2015 with the blessing of most Venerable Dr. Acharya Buddharakkhita, founder of Mahabodhi Organizations, Bengaluru, Mahabodhi Gotami Vihara Nuns Training Institute was established. The main objective of Mahabodhi nunnery is to have opportunity for ladies to practice Sila (morality), Samadhi (concentration) and Panna (wisdom) and share the Dhamma.

We started with 22 nuns in 2015 and they came from various states of India, like Tripura, UP, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh and also from Myanmar. First the candidates have to stay as Anagarika (Leaving home), with white cloth by keeping 8 precepts. Later when they are trained and qualified for some extent then they are ordained as a nun who keep 10 precepts and 75 sekhiya sikkhapada (monastic rules). This year we have 18 nuns in Gotami Vihara and 2 nuns are studying at International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University.

Events and Activities

1. Nuns are not only studying the Dhamma, they even study general knowledge. So they had undergone English study project to be improve language skills and general knowledge guided by lay teachers. They had studied even practically by understanding how the environment is important for the beings to be survive.
2. Kathina programme was organized by us in Mahabodhi Suknachari. On 22nd November 2018, about 2000 people from around 30 to 40 villages of Tripura participated for the special occasion of Kathina offering program, by Mahabodhi Gotami nuns. 24 hours Patthana chanting for the benefit of all visible and invisible beings at that surrounding area by nuns was conducted. 120 monks and novices and 5 nuns came and accepted this Kathina donation. We offered one set of robe, shawl, medicine, cap and lunch to the Sangha and all the participants. After Kathina program nuns gave Dhamma talk to all the upasakas and upasikas for the whole evening. After this ceremony we visited about five places and gave dhamma discourse. People were very happy and rejoiced hearing the Dhamma talk given by the nuns as they never seen and never heard dhamma discourse from any nun. We also offered 22 Marble Buddha statue to the parents of our nuns and 100 statues to some upasakas and upasikas who attended the Kathina ceremony.



A Nun giving talk in the program



Nuns offering requisites to monks at Bordumsa, AP



3. On the occasion of Venerable Munglang Bhanteji's 100th birthday on 12th November 2018, we offered 100 towels, 100 warm sweaters, medicine and birthday cake to 100 monks and novices along with Kassapa Bhanteji.
4. We participated in the cremation ceremony of respected Munglang Bhanteji on 2nd December 2018 along with Ananda Bhanteji. All the nuns chanted some Abhidhamma chapters and it was highly appreciated by all the participants.



Nuns & Devotees paying respect to Buddha in Tripura



Nuns & devotees praying for offering



Monks & Nuns chanting on kathina program



MAHABODHI DEOMALI BRANCH

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The Mahabodhi Deomali Branch is located in the small town of Deomali in Tirap district of Arunachal Pradesh. In the year 2010 devotees and well-wishers of Deomali donated a monastery and a piece of land to Mahabodhi Society. This branch of Mahabodhi Society in Deomali was named as Mahabodhi Maitri Mandala, Deomali after this noble and generous act by the people of Deomali.

The Mahabodhi Branch of Deomali has established its activities in Dhamma and humanitarian field :

1. Mahabodhi Maitri Boys hostel
2. Mahabodhi Dhammavijaya Buddha vihara
3. Special Sunday Dhamma Discourse
4. Every morning and evening Dhamma Classes for the youth.
5. Every morning and evening Buddha puja, Meditation and Dhamma talks
6. Development activities



Deomali MLA Wangki Labang being welcome by Ven Assaji Bhante at MBS Deomali

1. Mahabodhi Maitri Boys hostel

The Mahabodhi Maitri Boys hostel was started in the year 2014. The first batch consisted of 30 boys. At present there are two warden in-charges to take care of the children. The children go to nearby Government schools. Apart from the formal education at school, every morning and evening they learn and discuss Dhamma. The children are taught how to develop loving kindness towards all beings and live their life by being kind and doing good deeds. Our main aim of starting the boys' hostel is that the younger generation should not only grow with formal education but they also should have a strong base of character with moral education being inculcated so they grow up to be good persons and benefit the society.



2. Mahabodhi Dhammavijaya Buddha Vihara

There are total number of 15 monks, two Bhikkhu and 13 novice Monks (Samaneras) in the Mahabodhi Dhammavijaya Buddha Vihara. Regular Sunday Dhamma discourses, every morning and evening Buddha Puja, meditation, dhamma discourses and discussions are held and temporary Pabajja Ordination programs also conducted. On full moon and new moon days, candle light puja is regularly held at Mahabodhi Dhammavijaya Buddha vihara. Programs like going for pindapata, Dana services are organized and Buddhist festivals like the Buddha Jayanti, Dhammacakkapavattana day, Buddhist new year (Sanken) and other festivals are also celebrated.



MBS monks at almsround in Deomali

3. Special Sunday Dhamma Discourse

The Sunday Dhamma discourse is conducted after the Buddha puja along with meditation every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. Through the Dhamma discourse we are teaching people how to live a pure and spiritual life by gaining its merits. They are taught about the five precepts and how a holy life would be beneficial to them and others thereby bringing merit to everyone. They are also taught how to live a peaceful life by being merciful and forgiving and that happiness is found within oneself and not outside in the world. They are also taught meditation and metta so that they can find inner peace by practicing meditation and live happily and peacefully with their family and friends.

4. Every morning and evening Dhamma classes for the youth

Every morning and evening Dhamma classes are conducted for the youth. Through the Dhamma classes, an effort is made to help the youth to grow an interest in religious activities and to do good deeds. In this age of technology and competition the youth are mostly engaged with the outside world and they have a very less knowledge of spiritual life. If the youth of today learn the Dhamma properly, they are sure to prosper materially and also bring peace around them. In the Dhamma classes they are taught about life of the Buddha, the verses and stories of Dhammapada and as well other Dhamma subjects.



Students being taught meditation at MBS Deomali

5. Every morning and evening Buddha Puja, Meditation and Dhamma talks

Buddha puja is done every morning and evening at 4:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. in the vihara. After the puja, meditation is conducted. Each day one child is given a Dhamma subject to speak about. By speaking regularly, they gain a lot of confidence and it also helps do well in their studies and in other activities. This also creates devotion in their mind towards spiritual life. By listening to the Dhamma they develop much knowledge about Dhamma and their doubts are clarified. Through these they develop better knowledge about spiritual life which further helps them to live a happy life.

6. Development Activities

- Construction of Hostel Building
- Construction of kitchen and dining hall
- Construction of Ring well
- Construction of Bathroom, Toilet





MAHABODHI SOCIETY, CHICHINGCHERA

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Mahabodhi Chichingchera is a monastic institution in the Northern Part of Tripura state, which has now become the leading monastic institution situated at Chichingchera. This shows that the hard work of Mahabodhi society towards the the less privileged is now paying off slowly as Mahabodhi society is not only being recognized by the people for its work but even by the State Government. However, we have placed special prominence on both discipline and development for the general students and the novice monks.

The year 2018-2019 for Mahabodhi has been a year of research, learning and gradual development. Nevertheless, within the same year we had lots of challenges pushing ourselves towards tough enormous works, thereby becoming innovative and emerging with new insights. Moreover, we had to also face many situations where we were challenged to change, modify or recreate the modality to work with our beneficiaries. Regardless, we have strengthened and reorganized our activities through regular monitoring, evaluation and timely strategic decision making throughout the organisation.

As a main branch of Chichingchera, the project of statue of the Buddha was a huge challenge for us. All kinds of official permissions such as, engineering, administrative and departmental formalities are well done in time for the erection of the massive standing Buddha statue at Noveencherra. This massive statue of Sakyamuni measures at a height of 108 feet, making it one of the largest statues of Lord Buddha in India. In fact, it is notable that, this massive statue also can count one of the largest in the world.

Sima Foundation Ceremony – The foundation of Sima was laid on 12th February 2018 under the guidance of Most Venerable U Sasana Mahathera. 30 monks were invited from various viharas from Tripura where Patimokka was chanted for 3 days and it was established. 3 Samaneras received Higher Ordination right after the completing the foundation of Sima. We were blessed that we had opportunity to take care of all the monks. Venerable U Sasana Mahathera blessed all our monks and lay devotees.



Foundation laying ceremony of 108ft Buddha

Statue: This Auspicious day (16th February 2018) of Foundation laying ceremony was blessed by Bhante U Sasana Mahathera. Many monks attended the program. Starting with the Puja the program went on very smoothly. Bhanteji gave a talk on the significance of the program. Numerous Devotees gathered and donated Dana for the 108ft Buddha statue. Shortly afterwards concrete was poured to mark the foundation of the holy statue by U. Sasana Bhante along with Visuddhananda Bhante, followed by all the monks and devotees.





Dhammapada Festival – 4th March 2018. The auspicious full moon day marks the 97th birthday of Late Venerable Acharya Buddharakkhita (Bada Bhante). We organised Puja in the name of Bhanteji and invited Monks and devotees for this special day.

In the Evening, Candles were offered to Lord Buddha for his well-being. As Bhanteji guided us to go through the right path, we are extremely grateful to him.



Special Day (BIZU) – The tribal people in the northeastern India generally observe the festival for days from 13th April to 15th April. Two main days of the festival was celebrated in the Mahabodhi compound. We did Buddha Puja for the well-being and success of the people. Special Feast was offered to Monks by the villagers.

Buddha Purnima – Buddha Purnima, during Vesak month is celebrated as the birth anniversary of Gautama Buddha. The Buddha took birth, attained Enlightenment and passed away on the same day. A



grand occasion with Sangh Dana was arranged on this day, with a rally being organized in Manu to give spread awareness of this fortunate day. Many devotees from various villages joined us to celebrate this day. Dana was offered to patients.

Rains Retreat (Vassa Vasa): According to the Buddhist calendar, Rains Retreat started this year in the month of July to October. A comprehensive plan for the retreat was chalked out that included daily Pindapata and meditation practices. On every Uposatha day, meditation for devotees was conducted. In each session there were 25 participants. Rains Retreat is very important to monks as it shows the seniority of Bhikkhu. The greater the numbers of Rains Retreat the senior the Bhikkhu is. So it is very essential for every Bhikkhu.





Dhamma Class: Everyday Dhamma class as well as Moral class is conducted by Samanera Achalasila. The monks are taught the life stories of Buddha. Pali & Vinaya are also taught. Apart from this character-building class is also held.



Monthly Meeting: Every month a special meeting is held which is presided by Visuddha Nanda Bhikkhu. All members of the management committee attend this meeting. During this session development of the centre is deliberated upon. Everyone shares their ideas for the improvement. Bhante Visuddha Nanda decides on what action should be taken.

Kathina Ceremony: Kathina Festival is a major observance in Theravada Buddhism. It is the time for lay people to offer robes and other necessities to the Holy Sangha. Kathina takes place every year in the four weeks following the end of the Rain Retreat. This year Mahabodhi Society also celebrated this holy day in a grand manner by conducting various programs such as night-long preparation of Civara, Dana service at Manu hospital and cultural programs. At night hot air balloons were released into the sky.



Interview for Documentary film

On 8th November, a team from Bangalore came to our centre. The team was led by Upasaka Vivek. Mr. Vivek and his team came for interviewing about this centre for documentary film about Mahabodhi Society and its Sister organizations. Bhante Visuddha Nanda attended this interview.

Nuns Visit our Centre: 20 nuns from Arunachal Pradesh visited our centre on 28th November 2018. These nuns are from the first batch of newly started Nunnery of Mahabodhi Society as



well as whole of India. They had come for Kathina Ceremony conducted in Mahabodhi Centre, Suknachari, South Tripura. The nuns paid respect to Visuddha Nanda Bhante. Samanera Sumanapala guided them and explained about our center. They were happy and they left to Arunachal Pradesh in the evening.

Minister Smt. Santana Chakma visits our centre: Smt. Santana Chakma visited our center on 25th December 2018. Bhante Visuddhananda explained about this centre and about its

development to Smt. Santana Chakma, for which she responded positively and committed to try to help as much as possible.



Pindapata: The Buddha defined Right livelihood for monks and nuns as simply this – going on alms round. We are very happy and fortunate that Ven. Acharya Buddharakkhita had always guided us in monastic practices. This is the tradition that has been followed since the time of the Buddha. Pindapata is seldom practiced nowadays except within the Thai forest traditions. The monks are not allowed to store food, nor eat past midday and must rely on laypeople to offer to them their daily meal. In this way the monks and the lay people have an interdependent relationship; the monks rely on the laypeople for food and in return they teach the laypeople the teachings of the Buddha.



MAHABODHI SOCIETY, NABINCHARRA

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Mahabodhi Society, Nabincharra, Tripura was established by Ven. Ananda Bhanteji and Ven. Visuddhananda Bhikkhu on 12th January 2017. In this centre, a 108 feet high standing posture Buddha statue is to be raised in view to bring about spiritual interest and development in the hearts of the pious people of India and abroad. This great step has been taken to spread the message of love, compassion and peace to people of Northeast India, other parts of India and the world. The center will also build a meditation center in serene woods, a museum and a library to facilitate visitors and meditators to practice the Dhamma. This center will also be a landmark tourist place in the whole of North-Eastern Zone of India.

Currently the project is under construction. Sasanasiri Bhikkhu is the new in-charge monk of the center whose responsibility is to carry out this Dhamma work and also guide young novice monks.



Bhante Pamokkha with monks at Nabingcherra vihara



Ven. Sasanasiri & other monks with devotees

Monks' Residence in Nabincharra

There are 6 monks and 1 lay devotee residing at Mahabodhi Society, Nabincharra. Under Sasanasiri Bhikkhu, the in-charge monk of the center, there are 6 trainee novices who are studying and also the devotee is helping in the daily chores. They are taught the following subjects – Vinaya, Abhidhamma, Life of the Buddha and meditation. Apart from this they are also taught basic discipline, gardening and skill development.

The novice monks hail from a humble background and most of them have lost their parents. It is our main aim is to support them in pursuing their studies and teach them the way of life. We also train them to develop ability to protect the Buddha Sasana.

Daily Activities - Every Morning & Evening our monks perform Puja and Meditation.

Alms Round (Pindapata) Program - Twice a week our monks go for alms-round to nearby villages. The villagers generously donate food to



Monks attending Dhamma class at Nabingcherra





the monks. In return monks give them their blessing. Going on alms round is something one chooses to do and it involves some physical exertion especially when one has been sitting up late at night before or has to walk for a long time. The junior monks and nuns also carry clay bowls, which can be rather heavy! But the benefits are, among other things, that one's mind becomes refreshed and cleared of the stuff that has accumulated during the week of living in the monastery, attending to various tasks and duties, dealing with people and so on. The Buddhist samanas originally followed a wandering life style, which allows for greater flexibility in adapting one's practice to different environments, seeking out suitable places for meditation, and not getting too entangled in unconducive situations. This life style, though, is different to maintain (especially in the west) where monks and nuns tend to live in stable communities for long periods of time. The challenge, of course, is becoming too 'domesticated', feeling weighed down with householder concerns, and losing the sense of freshness and lightness in one's monastic life. This is called viveka- mental solitude or detachment – which is essential for developing meditation and finding enjoyment in it.

Foundation Laying Ceremony of 108 ft. Buddha Statue

We organized the foundation laying ceremony on 16th Feb 2018 to 18th Feb 2018. Many senior monks were invited for this auspicious day. One of the chief monks was Ven. U Sasana Mahathera, under whose guidance the program was conducted. Our monks from Chichingchara monastery and devotees too participated in the ceremony. It is 40 km drive from Chichingcherra to Nobincharra.

The program started at 9:00 a.m. with Buddha puja by monks. Ven. U Sasana Mahathera chanted the pathhana- protective chanting. He



also gave Dhamma desana on this auspicious occasion. All devotees listened to the speech attentively participated in the Puja on this occasion. The lay devotees came from far distance villages like- Chawmanu, Manikpur, Manu, Sibbari, Chichingcharra and Kumarghat. There were total 500 participants. They were all happy to participate in this meaningful ceremony.

Mahabodhi Nuns' visit

On 28th Nov 2018, nuns from Mahabodhi Gotami nunnery paid a short visit to Mahabodhi Nobincherra led by Sayale Dhammanandi. They performed puja on the site for safe progress of the statue work. A small Dhamma program was also organized later at Tusitapuri Bana Vihar. Numerous devotees participated in the program where the venerable nuns delivered speech on Buddha's teaching. We hope that the statue work will be completed very soon and it will give the whole world a message of peace.



MAHABODHI SUKNACHARI BRANCH, TRIPURA

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Mahabodhi Suknachari branch, Tripura was established on 17th December 2013 on a full moon day. This is a center which is developing gradually and already has shown a lot of potential to grow into a big center. Venerable Nyanarakkhita Bhikkhu is in charge of this branch under the chairmanship of Venerable Rajinda Bhante. He is assisted by two more Bhikkhus. Some of the activities conducted are:

1. Every day alms round programme.
2. Sangria Festival the festival of New Year.
3. Mahadukkhata dana offering and Sutta chanting at every house on the occasion of new Year to start newly life.
4. 2562nd Buddha Purnima program- It is a very auspicious moment for each and every Buddhist people around the world. Mog and Chakma, two ancient Buddhist communities came together to celebrate this program with peace rally program where 210 cars and 320 bikes took part.
5. Kathina program- Kathina was organized by our Mahabodhi nunnery group led by Ven. Yasanandi and hundreds of Buddha statues were distributed to the villagers to develop faith in them. Hundreds of robes were also offered to the monks and novices.
6. Every year Pabbajja program- This year 109 monks were ordained and they were trained in going for alms round (Pindapata), meditation and dhamma classes.
7. Hospital dana services throughout the year were conducted where fruits and clothes were distributed.
8. A hostel for tribal children is still under construction.
9. Counseling session was also organized for local tribal people were explained about danger of drug addiction, importance of education and personal skill developments etc.



Monks going to alms round in Tripura at sukhnachari Tripura



Devotees performing puja at Sukhnachari in Tripura

Weekly Dhamma program- One of the main programs at Mahabodhi Suknachari is dhamma programme every week. We organized talks on various subjects dealing with real life situations and problems and how to find the solution through the practice of dhamma. The program is for 1 and ½ hour with 30 minutes of Puja (including undertaking of five precepts by lay devotees), 30 minute of meditation and Dhamma talk for another 30 minutes. On an average, nearly 150 people attend every Uposatha day.



Displaying holy relics for devotees Sukhnachari



Mahabodhi School Suknachari- Venerable Achariya Buddharakkhita founded Mahabodhi educational institutions with a view to give the best of modern education along with character building teaching. The Mahabodhi Suknachari School provides Holistic Education in an atmosphere of love and care allowing the children to grow naturally and happily, facilitating development of intelligence, compassion and wisdom at every stage. Currently, the School is up to 7th standard with 210 students, 12 teachers and 4 members of office staff.



MAHABODHI KANUBARI BRANCH

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Mahabodhi Kanubari Branch is located in the Luaksim village of Longding District Arunachal Pradesh. Kanubari is a small town and is mostly inhabited by the people of Wancho tribe. A piece of land was donated by Late Sri Newlai Tingkhatra to Mahabodhi Society to start a Mahabodhi Branch in Kanubari. For this noble act, the Mahabodhi Society is overwhelmed and grateful to the donor Lt. Sri Newlai Tingkhatra and his family members. The vision behind this donation of land is to spread the Dhamma and to open a Mahabodhi School for students who are lacking proper education. Kanubari school would introduce moral and wisdom-based education to the students.

The foundation stone was laid down on 5th of March 2013 by Sri Chowna Mein, Deputy Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh. On this auspicious occasion, this branch was named as Mahabodhi Dhammadutta Centre, Kanubari in the presence of Ven. Panayaloka Bhikkhu, Ven. Sanghadatta Bhikkhu, Ven. Dhammapala Bhikkhu, Ven. Buddhadatta Bhikkhu.

Mahabodhi Kanubari branch have three institutions in one campus:

1. Mahabodhi Dhammaduta Vihara
2. Mahabodhi Goodwill Boys Home
3. Mahabodhi School Kanubari

Mahabodhi Dhammaduta Vihara

In Mahabodhi Dhammaduta Vihara, we have 10 monks which include 1 Bhikkhu and 9 Samaneras. We organized various Dhamma programs, discourses, prayers and meditation for children and devotees. There are a few Buddhist villages nearby and devotees come from those villages to the Vihara. The people of Kanubari are very new to the Buddhism and the Mahabodhi Society has given us the opportunity to spread Buddhism and Dhamma service in the non-Buddhist areas. Our mission is to develop the mind and character of the people which will lead them to walk on the right path and live an ethical livelihood. We feel very fortunate and content that the people of Kanubari are supporting us to fulfill our mission, to develop and continue the service of Dhamma. It is also a great experience for us to work in a new environment where people are taking great enthusiasm to learn and practice Buddhism.



The Dhamma activities that we are organizing are as follows:

1. Morning & Evening prayer and meditation
2. Dhamma discourses on Sundays
3. Medical dana on special occasions



4. Pabbajja courses on Buddha Jayanti
5. Recitation of Jataka stories to the students of Mahabodhi Goodwill Boys Home on Sundays
6. Open air programs for the children are held on special occasions

Mahabodhi Goodwill Boys Home

The Mahabodhi Goodwill Boys Home was started in the year 2018. At the initial stage, there are 30 children with 4 wardens and 1 tuition teacher. These children go to the nearby government and private schools. The children staying in the hostel are from very remote areas and they are economically marginalized. Utmost importance is given to moral education which is an essential element for ethical and personal development.



Mahabodhi School Kanubari

With immense pleasure and gratitude, we are happy to announce that the DDSE has given us the approval to start Mahabodhi School Kanubari under CBSE from the month of June 2019. We have enrolled 80 students from KG to Class III which includes both day scholars and boarders with the total number of students in Mahabodhi Good Will Boys home being 110. The admission procedure is still going on till 15th June 2019. The vision and mission of the School are as follows:

Vision: To empower students to acquire, articulate, value knowledge and skills that will support them as lifelong learners. To participate and contribute to the global world and practice the core values of the school i.e. kindness, compassion, tolerance & inclusion, solidarity, equality, loving-kindness and excellence.





Mission:

- Mahabodhi Kanubari School aims at providing quality education at various levels.
- To make the students happy and confident individuals with a secure foundation in learning that will last them throughout their lives
- To provide strong foundation of knowledge and skills based on moral education
- To be resilient to face difficult situations and keep trying when things are difficult
- To value and understand religious and moral beliefs and respect the view of others
- To be independent thinkers who are able to seek solutions creatively and cooperatively
- To provide adequate opportunities for the children's physical, intellectual and spiritual growth

Mahabodhi Skill Development Center, Nongtow

Annual Report 2018-2019

Mahabodhi Skill Development Center was started on 5th April, 2018 by Bhikkhu Sangharakkhita under the guidance of President Kassapa Bhanteji, Bhikkhu Ananda Bhanteji and all the monks of Mahabodhi Maitri Mandala of Bengaluru in the remote village of Shyam Nongtaw- ii in Namsai district of Arunachal Pradesh.

The people of Shyam Nongtaw village have donated 36 acres of land with mountains and beautiful surrounding nature. Now we have built Kuti for monks, kitchen building and a bamboo hut for workers to stay. We have installed 5kv solar power system and ring well for water supply. At present one bhikkhu, three novice monks and five workers are staying in the Centre. Mother Monica of Switzerland was kind enough who donated a tractor and solar power for our Centre. Since the center has started there is a lot of agriculture work going on, because of which the center is getting sufficient vegetables and cereal crops.

The Aim of the Centre at present are:

1. Spiritual development

- Sunday school in a nearby village
- Dhamma programs
- Meditation workshop

2. Multi-skill development

- Wood works
- Handicrafts
- Modern agriculture program

3. Social development

- Public event programs
- Old age home
- Cleanliness drives and campaigns
- Nurture rare species of plants



Monks & devotees on procession at Nongtaw



Vegetable garden at Mahabodhi at Nongtaw, AP



Monks learning extra activities at Mahabodhi Nongtaw AP



Monks & Devotees cleaning & planting at Mahabodhi Nongtaw, AP



SANGHADANA OFFERED BY DEVOTEES TO THE MONKS AT MAHABODHI MONASTERY BENGALURU

NAME	BREAKFAST	LUNCH	PURPOSE OF DANA
1. Mr. Debasis Behera and Family	Breakfast		seeking blessing for her sister good health
2. Ven. Dhammatissa Bhanteji	Breakfast		In the name of his mother, for her good health and peace of mind
3. Mr. B.Y. Devoor	Breakfast	Lunch	For seeking Blessing in the name of her Daughter and Son in Law for their Marriage
4. Mr. Lakshimi Narayana Nagavaara		Lunch	Seeking blessing on the occasion of wedding Anniversary
5. Ven. Vinayarakkhita Bhanteji	Breakfast		Seeking blessing for his mother
6. Mr. Kundan Chakma , Kijing Chakma and Madhumita Chakma		Lunch	Dana for sanghas
7. Mr. Ravikanth.C.M	Breakfast	Lunch	Seeking blessing On the occassion for 1st Birthday of his son
8. Mr. Gopal Krishna		Lunch	Seeking blessing for his son, for education and well being.
9. Ven. Kassapa Bhanteji and Buddhadatta Bhante	Breakfast		For Dana for all Sangha's
10. Mr.Peter Lee		Lunch	Seeking blessing for good health and peace of mind and to find Dhamma in his life
11. Ms. Ayushri , Ms.Deepika, Ms. Droma, Ms. Rangeta and Mr. Tsewang Phunchok		Lunch	Seeking blessing for progress in Dhamma
12. Mr.B.Narsimaih		Lunch	For performing punnyanamodana in the name of his Father
13. Mr. Kambanna and Family		Lunch	For performing punnyanamodana in the name of his son
14. Ms. Malathi Barua and Sons	Breakfast	Lunch	For performing Punnyanamodana in the name of her Husband on 32 death anniversary
15. Mr. Mavalli Shankar		Lunch	Seeking blessing on the occassion of his birthday
16. Mr. Anupkumar Tambe and Ms. Pranali			For seeking blessing for his son
17. Bharathi Amma		Lunch	For seeking blessing
18. Ms. Kantamma and Family		Lunch	For performing Punnyanamodana in the name of her Husband on 32 death anniversary
19. Mr. K.M.krishna Kumar and Ms. Devi and Family		Lunch	For performing Punnyanamodana in the name all the all family member and relatives
20. Ms. Richa Barua		Lunch	For performing Punnyanamodana in the name of her mother
21. Mr.Rajesh Dhargave and Family		Lunch	for seeking blessing for good health and prosperous life in the path of Dhamma
22. Mr and Ms.Kadirappa Deepa Sakya Garu		Lunch	For seeking blessing for his child birthday and progress in Dhamma.



23. Dr.Parameshwar	Lunch	For dana for all sangha's and devotees
24. Mr. Padmika Madushanka Wadanabi	Lunch	For performing punnyanamodana in the name of his elder mother' and his elder mother's sister
25. Mr.Rajanna and Family	Lunch	For seeking blessing in the memory of his brother in law
26. U.Kyin Sein	Lunch	For seeking blessing on the occassion of her birthday
27. Mr.Dasarth and Family	Lunch	For performing Punnyanamodana in the name of his mother
28. Mr.Bharshankar V.N and Family	Lunch	For seeking blessing for their good health and properous in life
29. Mr.Anil and Family	Breakfast	Lunch On the occasion of His birthday
30. Ms.Rashmi J.C and Mr. Mahadevaswamy	Lunch	On the occassion of naming ceremony of their Daughter
31. Mr.Nagasen Dhoke , Vesaka Dhoke and family	Lunch	On the occasion of Renunciation of Bada Bhanteji in search for truth
32. Dr.Sakey Shamu	Lunch	On the occasion of naming ceremony of his grandson
33. Mr. Sandeep Humane and Mrs.Grishma Gayakawad	Lunch	On the occasion of their wedding
34. Ven. Succitto Bhanteji	Lunch	Seeking blessing on the occassion of his Birthday
35. Sayale Yasanandi and Ms. Ayushree	Lunch	For seeking blessing on the occassion of their Journey to Switzerland
36. Mr.V.V.S.N.Raju	Lunch	on the occassion of his grand son birthday
37. Mr. Adhithya Acharya	Lunch	for seeking blessing
38. Umashankar	Lunch	seeking blessing In the memory of his father
39. Mr. Yeshwanth Verma	Lunch	Seeking blessing
40. Holabasappa, hemavathi, H P Sunil, Leena, Gananapala	Lunch	on the occasion of daughter birthday
41. Mr. Pratheek J	Lunch	in the memory of his mother
42. Ms. Sujatha Shankar	Lunch	in the memory of her father
43. Mr. Surya Vasishta and Ms. Suchitra	Lunch	for the well being of their grandmother
44. Ven. Buddhaloka	Lunch	on the ocasssion of his birthday
45. Mr. Krupananda Raj Urs	Lunch	in the memory of his late parents
46. Mr. Shivaswamy and Ms. Pavithra	Lunch	on the ocassion of their daughters birthday
47. Ms. Vijaya	Lunch	on the ocassion of her father death anniversary
48. Ms. Savithramma	Lunch	in the memory of her son and relatives
49. Mr. Ananda	Lunch	in the memory of his departed family members



50. MR. Siri Bodh	Lunch	in the memory of his mother
51. MR. Mahadevan K	Lunch	in the memory of his departed family members
52. Mr. Dr. Mahima Prasad, Behera and Ms. Manjula Mahopatra and his family	Lunch	for seeking blessing
53. Dr. Amaravathi from Iadakh	Lunch	for seeking blessing
54. Mr. Nandu more family from Belgium	Lunch	on the occasion of more's daughter
55. Mr. Narender Kumar	Lunch	on the occasion of Dhamma Deeksha
56. Mr. Lanka Sundar	Lunch	on the occasion of his birthday
57. Mr. Surath kumar chakma		in the memory of his wife
58. Mr. La Ichand K	Lunch	on the occasion of ending of vassa vasa
59. Ven. Ananda Bhanteji	Breakfast	on the occasion of Alex Birthday
60. MR. A Manjunatha	Lunch	on the occasion of his son birthday
61. Mr. Sonnegowda	Lunch	in the memory of his daughter
62. Ms. Rigzen Angmo	Lunch	in the memory of her birthday
63. Mr. Sharath Kumar K p	Lunch	in the memory of his departed parents
64. Mr. Giridhar and Ms. Kavitha	Lunch	in the memory of Mr. Veeraiahswamy
65. Mr. Vijay Kumar and Mr. Madavarao	Lunch	seeking blessing
66. Mr. Marasandra Muniyappa	Lunch	seeking blessing in the name of his son and daughter in law
67. Mr. V. Munirajy and Ms. Hemavathi	Lunch	on the occasion of their wedding anniversary
68. MR. D. Sudir Shelar and Mr. Suneel D. Shelar		lunch seeking blessing
69. Mr. Chandrasen Rao	Lunch	on the occasion of Munglong Bhanteji 100th Birthday
70. Mr. Tsewang Punchok	Lunch	seeking blessing
71. Ven. Panyarakkhita Bhante, Ven. Buddhapala & Nyanarakkhita	Lunch	progress in the work of Buddha Sasana
72. Mr. Ilyas Ahmed	Lunch	in the memory of his mother
73. Mr. Nagaraja Murthy and Ms. Chandra Prabha	Lunch	on the occasion of their wedding anniversary
74. Mr. T S Dupare	Lunch	seeking blessing
75. Mavalli Shankar	Lunch	in the memory of his aunt
76. Umashankar	Lunch	on the occasion of his wedding anniversary
77. Mr. Ravi Shyam Gautham	Lunch	Dhamma Deeksha
78. Mr. Kiran Jith	Lunch	on the occasion of his birthday
79. Ms. Sneha	Lunch	on the occasion of her birthday
80. Ms. Chandamma and his family	Lunch	in the memory of his departed family members
81. Mr. Saju Barua	Lunch	in the memory of his death
82. Mr. Satthako	Lunch	in the memory of Sanju Barua
83. Mr. Nagaraju K	Lunch	in the memory of his son's death anniversary
84. Mr. J. Chandrasekaran	Lunch	on the occasion of his birthday
85. Mr. K Ramachandra	Lunch	dedicated to all Sanghas



86. Mr. Arvind T & Dr. Arun T		Lunch	seeking blessing
87. Samyak Prabodhan Pratishthan		Lunch	on the occasion Dr. B. R. Ambedkar
88. MR. Vivek & Phuntsoj, Mr. Tashi and Ms. Tsewang Dolma		Lunch	on the occasion of new year
89. Ms. Maya Urs and Ms. Vasudha		Lunch	in the memory of Ms. Vanaja
90. Ven. Jinavamsa	Breakfast		in the memory of Mr. Yaso
91. Mr. Srinivas, Ms. Shilpashree and family		Lunch	in the memory of departed family
92. Ven. Samagkarang and Malaysia group		Lunch	Towards sangha
93. Mr. Haraprasadh Sahu		Lunch	Seeking blessing
94. Ms. Indu Bhandia		Lunch	in the memory of Raj Bhandia
95. Mr. Mayank Agarwal		Lunch	seeking blessing
96. Ms. Kshama Shirole			in the memory of her father
97. Mr. Gopan, Kalindu and Abeeth	Breakfast	Lunch	in the memory of his departed family members
98. Ms. Gaby		Lunch	towards sangha
99. Ven. Vishudananda Bhanteji Srilanka		Lunch	towards sangha
100. Mr. Punya		Lunch	for seeking blessing
101. Ven. Sugatananda Bhanteji		Lunch	for sangha
102. Chandrasen rao and Nagarjun and family		Lunch	towards sangha
103. Ms. Maitri Amma and family		Lunch	on occasion of birthday of late Y.B Nandana
104. Ms. Manimegalia and Ms. Tanzin	Breakfast		on the occasion of birthday of kalaiaresi
105. Mr. Rajesh and Family		Lunch	in the memory of his son
106. Mr. Prathiban and Mr. Sathyaseelan		Lunch	in the memory of his late father
107. Dr. Kanchan, Ashoka Ramteke		Lunch	seeking blessing
108. kanak bothra and nirmal bothra		Lunch	in the memory of poonamma chand bothra death memory
109. Mr. Veerabhadraiah and Mr. Ramachandra	Breakfast	Lunch	for sangha
110. Mr. Adivait Kulkarni		Lunch	for well beings of their family members
111. Mr. Chandrasen Rao and Nagarjun		Lunch	in the memory of Smt. Chitralekha
112. Ms. Monica Taddey		Lunch	on the occasion of her birthday
113. Mr. Ananda			in the memory of his grand father
114. Mr. Ranjan		Lunch	in the memory of his sister
115. Mr. R Gopala Krishna		Lunch	on the occasion of his sons birthday
116. Mr. Stanzin Metta		Lunch	seeking for blessing
117. Mr. H B Nagaraj Murthy		Lunch	on the occasion of his birthday
118. Ven. Nandiya from Myanmar		Lunch	for towards sangha
119. Mr. Molakalmur Srinivas murthy		Lunch	on the occasion grand daughter birthday
120. Mr. Vajira and Family	Breakfast	Lunch	for seeking blessing
121. Ven. Ratanapala from Sri Lanka		Lunch	On the occasion of His birthday



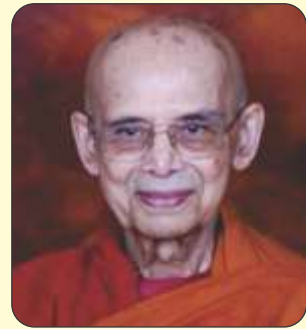
122. Mr. Vajir and Ms. Kalaiaresi		Lunch	On the occasion of their wedding anniversary
123. Ven. Buddhadatta			towards sangha
124. Mr. Umashankar R		Lunch	in the memory of his father
125. Dr. Kalaia	Breakfast		On the occasion of Ven. Ratanapala Bhanteji Birthday
126. Mr. Dasharath		Lunch	On the occasion of Daughter Naming ceremony
127. Mr. Nagendra Kumar		Lunch	On the occasion of MR. Akshaj Arya Birthday
128. Mr. Chandrasekhar		Lunch	On the occasion of Mrs. Navaneetham Chandrasekhar Birthday
129. Mr. Dasharath		Lunch	On the occasion of Bodhi Vamsi Birthday
130. Mr. Kumar and Family		Lunch	in the memory of departed family
131. Mr. Thulasiramaiah		Lunch	In the memory 112th, Dr. Sri Shivakumara Mahaswamy Siddaganga Mutt
132. Ven. Visuddhananda Bhanteji		Lunch	In the name of Bada Bhanteji, Uppajaya Teacher and his parents
133. Mr. Ravi Chandra		Lunch	For SEEKING blessing
134. Mr. Phunchok Spalzung			for seeking blessing
135. Vaman Udyawar and Family		Lunch	In the memory of his Father and Mother
136. Mr. Lokesh and Mr. Suresh		Lunch	Seeking blessing for their parents
137. Dr. Vijaya Narasimha .J	Breakfast		On the occasion of his daughter marriage
138. Mr. Anil Kumar C.N		Lunch	in the memory of departed wife
139. Ms. Vidya Gopal Alhat		Lunch	In the memory of Ms. Sulachana Dhonadiba Vairat
140. Mr. Rajanna and Family		Lunch	for sangha
141. Mr. Dharman		Lunch	On the occasion of His birthday
142. Mr. B.L. Chaluvaraju		Lunch	In the memory of his wife
143. Mr. Kanthappa Alangar		Lunch	On the occasion of Son wedding anniversary
144. Mr. R. Ramesh		Lunch	for seeking blessing
145. Mr. Tapan Barua		Lunch	On the occasion of their wedding anniversary
146. M. Kasi Gautum and Family		Lunch	In the memory of his late Mother
147. Ms. Richa Baru		Lunch	In the memory of her late Mother
148. Mr. Novel Chakma and Family		Lunch	For seeking blessing for new arrival Baby
149. Ms. Sujata More	Breakfast		On the occasion of Her son birthday
150. Mr. Jagadish	Breakfast		On the occasion of His son birthday
151. Mr. Daniel Haber		Lunch	On the occasion of His birthday
152. Mechtild Saddha		Lunch	In the name of her Mother

May the merits of their Dana to the Sangha bear immense benefits to them and their family members and may all beings share the merits and be free from suffering! May all be happy and well!

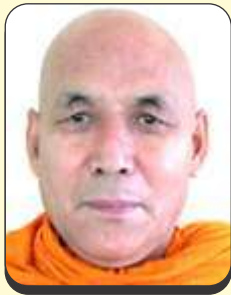
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